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Sunday, January 18., 7:30 to 8:00 a. m.
Message by Dr. Theo F. Adams, over Radio Stations WSLI, Jackson; WREC, Memphis; KWKH, Shreveport, and many others.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

To My Fellow-Baptists of Every Land:

We face a New Year of exceptional uncertainty and peril. On its threshold I would send you a word of fraternal greeting, praying that the grace of God may abound to us all, and rejoicing that our fellowship remains unbroken and assured because rooted in a common experience of God. "For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free, and were all made to drink of one Spirit." (1 Cor. 12:13). We are therefore forever one, in faith and hope and love.

To each and all I would offer a message that carries an authority far beyond any words of my own, that of the Word of God which speaks always to our condition.

1. **Our Lord's Commission Stands.** "All authority has been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:18-20).

2. **Our safety is rooted in obedience to Him.** "Every one therefore that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, shall be likened to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house: and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock." (Matt. 7:24-25).

3. **Our inward peace is assured by His changeless love.** "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword: Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:35-39).

4. **Our resources in Him are boundless.** "My God shall supply every need of yours according to His riches in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:19).

May these and like precious words rest in our minds and hearts, and be continuously verified in the experiences of the New Year! Then, rising above doubt and fear, girt with a strength not our own, we shall sacrificially serve our generation in its vast and varied needs, and standing firmly together in sympathy and love, shall rejoice with one another in the high privilege of serving at such a time the Kingdom of our God and His Christ. He abides the same; and His years have no end.

J. H. RUSHBROOKE.

Since the above was received we have the following telegram from Dr. Rushbrook to Dr. W. O. Lewis:

London, England.—I pray for my fellow Baptists in America fullness of blessing in the New Year. War, grim and terrible, involving your country and mine, has evoked a comradeship of effort and suffering in a cause worthy of every sacrifice. The Four Freedoms and the Atlantic Charter express ideals in harmony with our Baptist outlook. Let us together resolve to resist the dangerous passions of wartime; to insist on the supremacy of (Continued on Page Two)



MINISTERS ALSO NEED TIRES

Hon. Harry F. Byrd,
Hon. Dave E. Satterfield,
Washington, D. C.
Gentlemen:

I am writing you concerning a matter of great importance to Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish ministers.

The newspapers state that "The car owners who can get new tires are those whose vehicles are essential to services for health, safety and industrial and commercial operations of a limited nature.

"These are: 1. Physicians, surgeons, visiting nurses, veterinarians."

It is quite amazing that there seems to have been no provision made for the needs of the ministers of the various churches. In the country districts nearly all ministers are dependent upon their automobiles to visit the sick, to attend church services and funerals, and to make the pastoral calls, which are essential for the maintenance of the spiritual health of the people. The necessity is not quite as great in cities where there is street car and bus service. But pastors of large city churches cannot render full and efficient service if obliged to wait for street cars and buses, and this is especially true in case of rainy, snowy, or very cold weather.

If, as the president and other national leaders have declared, the spiritual life must underly the highest morale, surely those who minister to spiritual health should be given facilities equal to those given to those who minister to physical health.

I am writing to you gentlemen, asking you to present this matter to those having authority to grant to ministers of religion the same authority to get new tires as can the physicians, surgeons, visiting nurses and veterinarians.

I am sending copies of this letter to the secular and religious press.

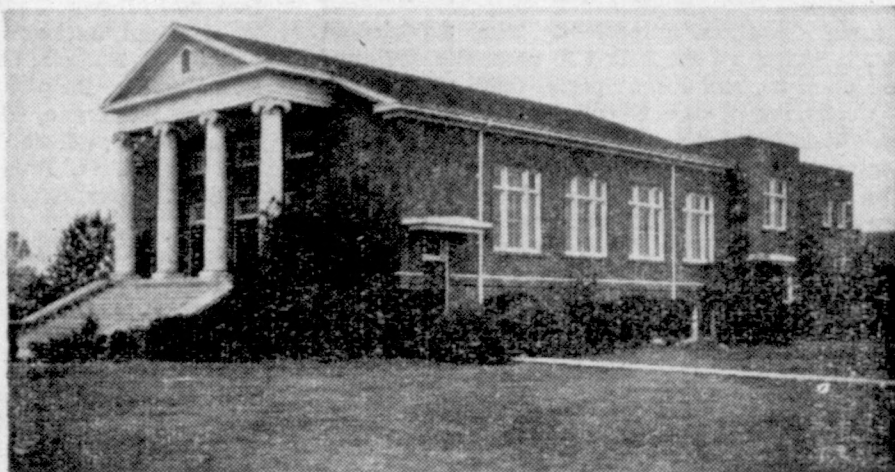
Hoping that you may be able to secure prompt action on this important matter, and thanking you in advance for whatever you may be able to accomplish,

Sincerely,

JAMES CANNON, JR.

Richmond, Va.,
Jan. 7, 1942.

QUITMAN BAPTIST CHURCH



QUITMAN BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATED

Sermons by Revs. John W. Faulkner And
B. C. Land, Only Living Former Pastors

The Quitman Baptist Church was formally dedicated Sunday, Dec. 28, at special dedicatory services.

At the morning service the sermon was brought by the Rev. John W. Faulkner of West Point, Ga., who was pastor of the Quitman church at the time of the rebuilding following the destruction of the old church by fire. The pastor of the church, the Rev. W. L. Meadows, was in charge of the services.

At both the morning and afternoon services special musical numbers were rendered under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Reddoch. She was assisted by Mrs. Houston Macy, violinist, from Meridian. The male quartet from Stonewall sang at the afternoon service.

The dedication services were held Sunday afternoon (Continued on Page Two)

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If legal liquor is preferable to prohibition as claimed by the wets, will someone explain to us why that immediately after the attack on Hawaii the sale of intoxicating liquors was prohibited and the announcement was made that following that step crime was at an unprecedented low?

One of the most interesting books in years is "God Runs My Business." (Fleming H. Reavell Company, price \$1.00.) It is the marvelous story of a marvelous man, R. G. Letourneau. Mr. Albert W. Lorimer is the author. In a very interesting way he tells how Mr. Letourneau is in business partnership with God. He owns three large road machinery factories in the United States and one in Australia. He employs 3,000 people and sales amount to from ten to twenty million dollars yearly. Nine-tenths (not one-tenth) is given to the Lord. But get the book and read it. It will help you.

"A non-reading Baptist is a non-informed Baptist; a non-informed Baptist is a non-interested Baptist; a non-interested Baptist is a non-cooperating Baptist; a non-cooperating Baptist is just not much of a Baptist."—Dr. M. E. Dodd.

Dr. L. D. Newton tells an inspiring story of a young man in one of the training camps for military service, to whom Druid Hills Church is sending the paper. This young man, on reading the paper from week to week was impressed to send his check for \$100.00 to the church to be given to the Georgia Baptist Home for orphan children. The paper can do little to promote itself, but it can do much to promote the causes fostered by the churches, which is the constant aim and purpose of the management. To this, the Editor-Manager, re-elected by the Executive Committee at its meeting on Tuesday of this week for the thirteenth consecutive time, pledges himself and staff for the year 1942.—The Christian Index.

CALVARY CHURCH SENDS TESTAMENTS TO SERVICE MEN

Rufus K. Broadway
1st Cl. Pvt.
Band 155 Inf.
31st Division
Camp Blanding, Fla.
Eugene Beaty
Pvt. 1st Class
Band 155 Inf.
31st Division
Camp Blanding, Fla.
Pvt. Geo. M. Brooks
Medical Dept. Detachment
106 Engineers
Camp Blanding, Fla.
Pvt. Earl Williams
Reception Center
Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.
Pvt. Cyrus W. Chastang
326th Signal Avn. Corp.
Fort Douglas
Salt Lake City, Utah
A. J. Permenter
PF. C. 2H 10
U. S. Marine Corp.
San Diego, Calif.
Irby Thurman
Box 7,
Submarine Base
New London, Conn.
Corp. Patrick H. Jones
E. 10-4
F. A. R. C.
Fort Bragg, N. C.
Pvt. Russell E. Boggs
75th Field Artillery BN
Fort Ord, Calif.
Day Ridgeway
R. D. R.
V-2 Division
U. S. S. Ranger
Care Postmaster
New York, N. Y.
Thos. B. Williamson
58th School Squadron
Barksdale Field, La.
Pvt. Fred E. Roberts
23rd School Squadron
Fort Logan, Colo.
Lt. Geo. Armstrong
59th Pursuit Squadron
Mitchell Field
Long Island, N. Y.
Lt. W. A. Gresham
76 Coast Artillery (A.A.)
Fort Bragg, N. C.
Pvt. H. B. Jones, Jr.
9th Material Squadron
Barksdale Field, La.
Ted Day
612 W. Laurel
San Diego, Calif.
Pvt. Lee Capton
398 School Squadron
Flight 41
Kessler Field, Miss.
Nat Whitten
Division 7
Receiving Station A

Naval Base
Norfolk, Va.
Pvt. Robert P. Heard
12 Station Hospital
Camp Forest, Tenn.
Hubert A. Burns
30th School Squadron
Scott Field, Ill.
T. M. Barrett
1533 W. 48th St.
Norfolk, Va.
Pvt. Jas. W. Gray, Jr.
232 Camp Elliott
Marine Barrack
San Diego, Calif.
Cadet Wm. O. Rochester
Hoff General Hospital
Santa Barbara, Calif.
Pvt. Roger L. Rochester
B. A. D. 2
Naval Air Station
San Diego, Calif.
Charles Barton
64th Air Base Squadron
Baker Field, Calif.
Pvt. Jack Harper
B-8-3
F. A. R. T. C.
Fort Bragg, N. C.
Cadet Harry M. Thompson
Building 713-Room 140
Naval Air Station
Jacksonville, Fla.
Pvt. Robt. E. Borland
Platoon 144
Recruit Depot
Marine Corps Base
San Diego, Calif.
Joe H. Yarbro
U. S. Naval Hospital
Santiago No. 2
San Diego, Calif.
Lt. Charles Hanna
Antiaircraft Coast
Artillery
Camp Stewart, Ga.
C. C. Douglass, Asst. Ed.
Dir.,
Annette Island
Ketchikan, Alaska.
E. L. Grubbs
T. T. S. Pac. Flt.
North Island
San Diego, Calif.
Edward L. Drummond
Co. 196
U. S. Naval Training
Station
San Diego, Calif.
James G. Hearon
Sheppard Field
Texas.
Pvt. Chas. S. Tillman
Headquarters 2nd Train
Battalion
Camp Wheeler, Georgia.
Lt. Wm Garland Bowen
811 Engineers B. N. Avn.
Langley Field, Va.

NOTE: A few others were taken care of by individuals and mailed and I do not have the addresses. We have other boys in the army, the addresses of whom I have been unable to locate and will send a Testament as soon as I learn where they are. We are very anxious to get all the names and addresses of boys who have gone out and I believe this will be a good way to get them, as our people read The Record and fail to see the names of some of the boys. If you have room in the paper you might make mention of this so they will not feel that we have deliberately left some of the names off. It has been quite a task to get all the names and addresses turned into the office. As names are added I will send them in to you from time to time.

EDNA CARVER.

A WORD TO ASSOCIATIONAL MODERATORS

The Baptist Hour will be on more than 20 stations every Sunday morning at 7:30 CST (8:30 EST) January 4 through March, 1942. Seven of these stations are the biggest in the land. Practically all of 16 states will be covered by the broadcasts.

Brother Moderator, the Radio Committee is asking you to help us in this way—let us send you enough little announcements of the program of the Baptist Hour for distribution in every church or Sunday school in your Association and then you see that they are put into the hands of the leaders of the churches for distribution. Write us immediately how many you can use and we will ship them to you on the date we receive your order.

RADIO COMMITTEE, 147 Hurt Street, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia.

I HAVE SEEN THE JAPANESE RUN

J. Hundley Wiley

The missionaries in occupied China have had many opportunities to observe the fighting qualities of the soldiers of the Imperial Japanese army. They have seen the Japanese marching into battle and returning to some Chinese city after the battle was over. Many have actually observed Japanese soldiers under Chinese fire. Out of these experiences has come an almost unanimous belief that the Japanese fighting man is no braver than the soldier of other lands. Man to man his fighting record is no better than that of the moderately equipped Chinese soldier and such victories as he has won in China have been due to superior staff work, superior organization, and superior equipment. None of these victories have been due to suicide squads about which Tokyo writes and speaks so much. Many military observers give the palm of superiority to the Chinese machine gunner over his Japanese rival. The Chinese "Dare to Die Corps" are just as numerous as the "Suicide Squadrons" in the air force of the Japanese navy. But the propagandists of China have not been so diligent in circulating stories concerning their prowess. He is a natural skeptic and he thinks that you are, too. Not so the Japanese. I once saw a Japanese naval commander saddle his government with a bill for two hundred and forty thousand dollars because he was more interested in attesting the superhuman valor of his men than he was in proving that they had not looted the University of Shanghai.

Your missionaries from China have heard these tall tales before, and when hearing them again are inclined to take them with a grain of salt. They are surprised at the glibness with which Americans speak of the fatalistic bravery of the Japanese. Not a few credit the damage to Pearl Harbor on December 7th as being the work of a few suicide squads who blew themselves into bits rather than allow their targets to escape.

All this is fantastic and the circulation of these myths is of positive benefit to the government of General Tojo. These stories show signs of being "made in Japan" long before the war started in the hope that they would continue to circulate among us after fighting had actually begun. It is the man with the inferiority complex that creates the tallest tales about himself. Perhaps that is why the Japanese have been so sedulous in circulating these stories.

We, Shanghaianders, were present at the coming out party of one of these tales. We actually saw it being created and measured its growth and development. This story was born in 1932 and is called THE THREE HUMAN BOMBS. It tells the story of three Japanese soldiers who loaded themselves with high explosives, ran up to the Chinese barbed wire and waited for the machine gun fire from the enemy to set off the explosives. They lost their lives but the barricade was blown apart and victory came to the Japanese. Thus runs the story. There is a bronze stature in Japan which commemorates this feat.

Hard-boiled war correspondents in Shanghai at the time thought it never happened at all. The army press officer with whom they had daily conferences never mentioned the story at all. The story was released, not in Shanghai, but in Tokyo. It was released from Imperial Headquarters two weeks after the event took place. One of the reporters first heard the story over the radio from Station JOAK in Tokyo. The next morning, having an interview with the Japanese commanding general in Shanghai he asked whether he might have the story of THE THREE HUMAN BOMBS. To which the commanding general replied, "What human bombs? We here in Shanghai, where the battle is going on, know nothing about them." A few days later the army press officer had mimeographed copies of the story, one for each correspondent. The story was complete with names, places, dates.

The Japanese do make brave soldiers but the suicide squads are not so numerous as Tokyo would have you think. Not all the Japanese remain victorious on the field of battle or commit suicide there. Some run away. From the roof of the China Baptist Publication Building I have seen the white legged Japanese marines do a

THE MINISTRY DOES NOT END AT FORTY

Lewis C. Ray, Louisville, Kentucky

In recent years there has been quite a surge for younger pastors on the part of many churches. It would seem that the conservative slogan, "Be not the first by which the new is tried, nor be the last to lay the old aside" has been changed in our day to somewhat of the following: "Be not the last to lay the old aside, but be the first by which the new is tried."

Every minister must have the day of beginnings, but it should be remembered that the top of the ladder is reached by beginning at the bottom, then ascending step by step. Pastoral experience has something for the churches which youthful enthusiasm cannot supply, regardless of how well equipped mentally the youth may be.

Many of us seem to know so much upon completing our schooling, most of which is untried, and much of it is purely theoretical, that when we get into the pastorate we are forced to unlearn much that we thought we knew. And while we are "unlearning" the church suffers, while those of experience look on and perhaps smile. Some may even add, "Probably the young man will learn after awhile."

Thank God for the churches that give young ministers their beginning. They may even contribute more to the young preacher than he is able to return in his worth to them. Yet it seems that we have come upon a time when experience counts for little in the minds of the average pulpit committee. One of the first things that the average pulpit committee seems to agree upon is that they just will not give consideration to a man above a certain age.

Recently I heard of a church committee that decided upon forty-five as the maximum age. They were somewhat out of line with many such committees, who have decided upon a very much younger age, even down into the twenties and thirties. Such an attitude is dishonoring to God, and a frank confession that Holy Spirit leadership is being less and less considered in the matter of calling a pastor. I hold that a preacher who has been able to keep his health should be just about reaching the period of his most valuable service at about fifty. There is much more to being a shepherd than just chasing the lambs from place to place—a wolf can do that.

Do not let those who are inexperienced become discouraged at what we have said. The day of us youths will yet come for larger service in our ministry.

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He may but the author doesn't know it. A recent card urges the purchase of a book entitled, "Jesus Is Coming This Week." Selah.

very good imitation of the Italians at Caporetta. Before the bayonet charge of Tsai Ting Kai, they were advancing backward at considerable speed, "The Japanese soldier," says John Chinaman, "has a surprisingly short pair of legs but he can run with the best of them when I get after him. Don't forget the battle of Taierchwang and the three battles of Changsha. If I had an airplane or a cannon, I would run him all the way to Hokkaido."

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

The Baptist Hour has had a great opening. The first two programs were superb. The audience is an innumerable host. You can help forward this good work in four ways.

1. By advertising the programs. Announce them. Invite your friends and neighbors to listen.

2. By writing your Station thanking the management for carrying the Baptist Hour. These Radio leaders want to know and are entitled to know if the people are listening.

3. By joining your fellow church members in forwarding your State Secretary a worthy offering from your church. The expense of the Baptist Hour is borne this way.

4. By praying for God's blessings to rest on every program and on those leading in this movement.

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BAPTISTS URGED TO PROTEST

A bill is now before Congress that if enacted will include Baptist churches and institutions in the requirements of the National Security Act. It would include the unordained employees of Baptist churches and institutions. This is a LONG step toward the union of church and state and is a violation of the Bill of Rights. Every person who reads this should immediately protest to his senator and congressman. We give their names below:

Theo. G. Bilbo
Wall Doxey
Dan McGehee
John E. Rankin
Ross Collins
Jamie Whitten
W. M. Colmer
A. L. Ford

Senators Bilbo and Doxey may be addressed at the Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. The congressmen may be addressed at the House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

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WE KNOW SOMETHING BETTER

With all our soul we believe in the separation of church and state. It is not our purpose to enter into political questions. But we would be negligent if we failed to mention some things proposed by our government.

We mention one at this time.

Recently the office of Civilian Defense sent out instructions for the guidance of people in care of air raids. Many, most of them, were good. But one suggestion was that a deck of cards should be taken into the place of shelter. There is no time that people should use for card playing but certainly in time of danger people should think of something else.

The very fact that people seek shelter indicates danger. We can think of many things we would rather be doing if sudden death should come. Instead of cards we think the Bible would afford much more comfort. A book of good sermons, a good religious magazine or even the state religious paper would afford far more comfort and strength in time of distress.

Recently our President called us to a day of prayer. How can our leaders expect God to hear their prayers when they advise prayer one day and cards the next?

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REPRESENTATIVES ASK LAW TO REMOVE LIQUOR, PROSTITUTES, GAMBLING

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 12—(UP)—Five representatives introduced a concurrent resolution Monday memorializing Congress to enact necessary legislation "to remove from the reach of our armed forces such temptations as liquor, beer, prostitutes and gambling devices."

The resolution was referred to the Temperance Committee.

Authors were Representatives George Owens of Itawamba County; Charles Hamilton of Monroe; Hudson Blake of Itawamba-Lee Counties; Milton H. Grisham of Prentiss, and Elmer E. McCoy of Prentiss.

This resolution should pass and Congress should act. We offer no defense for any local officers who are negligent concerning their duties but Congress CAN and SHOULD give relief.

We believe in fighting foreign enemies, but let's not let home enemies overcome us.

BAPTIST RADIO HOUR PROVIDES RARE TREAT

Every Sunday morning for thirteen weeks some of the greatest preachers among Southern Baptists are giving helpful, heartening, inspiring and informing messages on great themes. Not all of Mississippi Baptists can have the privilege of hearing either or all of these great preachers. But the Baptist Radio Hour is the next best thing to hearing these preachers in person.

On next Sunday morning, every Baptist with a radio or in reach of a radio should tune in at 7:30 and hear Dr. Theo. F. Adams. The program lasts for 30 minutes but carefully heard, the sermon will last in many hearts for far more than thirty years. Dr. Adams is pastor of the great First Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia. This is the church where for many years the immortal George W. McDaniel did an outstanding work.

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BAPTISTS SHOULD HELP DR. DILLARD

In last week's Baptist Record, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention carried a full-page advertisement urging six things, to wit:

1. That special effort be made immediately to actually realize one hundred thousand memberships in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.
2. That February 15, or nearest suitable Sunday, be observed as Baptist Hundred Thousand Club or Debtless Denomination Day.
3. That every church be asked to adopt a minimum goal of one club membership for each twenty-five church members.
4. That cash contributions be taken and credit given on this goal. One club membership for every \$12.00 contributed.
5. That all holding Centennial memberships or having made pledges toward the Debtless Denomination be urged to pay the same as rapidly as possible.
6. That wise follow-up plans be adopted in the effort to enlist every member of every church in this special effort to rid our denomination of its debt.

These are six things that Baptists can and should do.

Our breasts swell with pride when we think of the accomplishments of Southern Baptists. How proudly do we tell how the credit of Southern Baptists is so good that banks are anxious to loan us money at very low rates of interest to recall bonds bearing a high rate of interest. BUT the question is, "What share do we have in making that credit so good?"

Every Baptist pastor should read the above six requests. Every reader of The Record should do likewise. Then let each pastor do his very best to lead his church to do something about the requests. These debts are our debts. The property is our property. The debts were made because our leaders thought that was the best thing to do. Whether or not it was wise to make the debts is not now the question.

We are planning to be on hand at Augusta in 1945 for the Southern Baptist Convention that we hope will celebrate a debtless denomination. And if there is any shouting done we plan to do some of it. And we will be entitled to shout. We have been trying to help get rid of these debts. As a pastor we tried to lead our people to help.

LET'S ALL HAVE A SHARE.

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GOOD NEWS FROM JAPAN

(Foreign Mission Board)—The following cable has just been received from the Secretary of the Committee on East Asia, Foreign Mission Conference of North America.

"Telegram through Swiss Minister Tokyo dated Bern, December 31, via Washington, signed Gressitt to Decker. (quote) Missionaries safe. Send greetings. Notify Evangelical Cleveland, Baptist, Methodist. (unquote)"

Since the outbreak of the war on December 7, this is the first news received from Dr. Maxfield Garrett, Southern Baptists' missionary in Japan.

CLINTON BAPTISTS HONOR DR. P. I. LIPSEY

Last Wednesday night the Baptists of Clinton, led by Pastor James L. Sullivan and Prof. Chester Swor, turned the prayer meeting hour into a service in honor of Dr. P. I. Lipsey, who recently resigned as editor of The Baptist Record after serving in that capacity for 30 years.

The program was as follows:

Hymn.

Hymn.

Evening Prayer.

Violin solo—Miss Eleanor Crone.

Male quartet—Messrs. Taylor, Sumrall, Horner, Bell.

"P. I. Lipsey, the Man We Honor"—Chester Swor.

Bouquets of Appreciation:

1. From Fellow-Townsmen—Rev. A. L. Goodrich.
2. From Woman's Missionary Union—Mrs. C. L. Hester.
3. From Our Public Schools—Supt. J. M. Lasseter.
4. From Hillman College—Miss Nellie Magee.
5. From Mississippi College—Pres. D. M. Nelson.
6. From Our Church Family—Pastor J. L. Sullivan.

In Response—Dr. P. I. Lipsey.

Benediction.

Ushers—David Byrd, Joe Allmon, Carroll Izard. Flower attendants—Miss Mary White Nelson, Miss Mary Grace Hester.

The closing talk was made by Dr. Lipsey. All who know him know just how clever it was.

At the close of each talk a beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to Dr. Lipsey as a gift from various organizations.

It was a well rendered program, worthy of the fine Christian character it was designed to honor.

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A WORTHY SUGGESTION

In his address to the legislature, Governor Paul B. Johnson said:

"There have sprung up along the highway and in various parts of the state what are commonly referred to as night clubs, dance halls, houses of prostitution, dens of iniquity, and hell holes. . . . I do not know what you are going to do about it but I will promise you that if you will give me the authority to clean up these holes, I will do it."

Governor Johnson states facts and makes a promise. In plain words, our governor tells us that there are rotten conditions all over the state. He is simply telling us what most or all of us already knew.

We make no claim to knowing whether or not the Highway Patrol should be given added powers but some plans should be made for our governor to have officers enough with power enough to cope with probably the most powerful as well as sinful forces in our state.

As Baptists who claim to be opposed to such sinful practices we should make our voice heard and our influence felt. Let your senator and your representative know how you feel. They pay much attention to the expressed wishes of their constituents.

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ITEMS FROM CALVARY (JACKSON)

Plans are being completed for a revival in Calvary Baptist Church, February 15th through February 22nd. Dr. Harold W. Tribble, from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, will do the preaching, and Rev. Fred Schofield, Laurel, Miss., will lead the singing.

Monday evening, January 19th, the Brotherhood of Calvary Baptist Church will sponsor an oyster supper at the church. All the men of the church are invited to attend. Rev. W. A. Bell, pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker.

Beginning at 9:15 p. m., December 31, each department of the Training Union sponsored a fellowship and social hour at the church. All departments came together at eleven o'clock for the Watch Night service, Dr. Bowen bringing a message on "Jesus, the Light of the World," which was concluded with a candlelight service, ushering in the New Year.

More than forty New Testaments have been mailed out by Calvary Baptist Church to the boys who have gone out in service for our country.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

JUST ANOTHER REASON FOR READING THE RECORD

The Chicago Sun carried the story the other day of a young man, a member of one of the best families in Chicago, who after being arrested, confessed to a number of sex crimes and said that he had been reading the books of John Dewey, Bertrand Russell, and Friedrich Nietzsche. People are influenced more by what they read than many of us realize.—Baptist Messenger.

CALVARY SETS A GOOD EXAMPLE

In another column is a large list of men in the armed service to whom Calvary Baptist Church (Jackson) has sent Testaments. They are also getting the Baptist Record. A few days ago Laurel First sent in a nice list of service men to whom the Record is to be sent. Every church in Mississippi should send the Record to any of their members who are in the armed service. Either add them to your EVERY FAMILY list or send one dollar for eight months. It will be money well spent.

ESTES SCORES AGAIN

No more faithful friend of Record is to be found than Rev. E. D. Estes, state evangelist. Hardly a week passes that he does not send in a list of Baptist Record subscribers. He just asks folks that he meets and they subscribe. This is not an invitation but it is a broad hint. Below we give his record for the past twelve months:

November	15	May	23
December	12	June	10
January	19	July	41
February	23	August	36
March	20	September	61
April	57	October	16

EAST MOSS POINT

Among the churches recently adopting the EVERY FAMILY plan is East Moss Point. On our visit there we had only a few minutes with pastor Montie A. Davis but we wormed the following information out of him. There have been 44 additions during the year, the pastor's salary has been increased and the church property improved and the budget increased.

Jackson county now has Record subscribers listed as follows: Fort Bayou 3; KREOLE 40; MOSS POINT 48; Ocean Springs 1; PASCAGOULA 245; ESCATAWPA 30; RED CREEK UNION 25; EAST MOSS POINT 62; Spencer Memorial 2.

MIZE

We were very much surprised to get the EVERY FAMILY list from Mize and so we asked pastor W. E. Hardy to tell us just how he did it. (He usually does get it installed shortly after going on a field.) He said that the pastor and deacons agreed to pay for it for one month and that after getting it three weeks the church liked it so well that they put it into the 1942 budget.

Smith county now has Record readers listed as follows: MIZE 37; Pineville 1; Raleigh 2; ROSE HILL 15; SYLVARENA 42; Taylorsville 18; Burns 1; Leaf River 1; ZION 10.

CORINTH—JASPER COUNTY

Rev. L. R. Massey is the hustling pastor of the fine group of Baptists. Under his leadership they have gone from one afternoon service to half time and the membership from 91 to 183. Brother Ellis Myrick is doing a good job as Sunday School superintendent and Mrs. Nora Ulmer is doing equally as well as president of the W. M. U.

Jasper county has subscribers listed as follows: BAY SPRINGS 77; FELLOWSHIP 10; HEIDELBERG 33; LOUIN 57; MONTROSE 31; OLD FELLOWSHIP 11; Stringer 1; VOSSBURG 15; CORINTH 20; PINE GROVE 11; Springdale 1; Antioch 1.

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Fourteen Baptist Churches in Shreveport, Louisiana will unite in simultaneous meetings and city-wide campaigns under the leadership of Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Atlanta, Georgia, during the period, March 8 to 22, inclusive.

The annual business meeting of First Church, Shreveport, January 14th, heard reports of progress in all departments. There were 373 additions to the church during 1941; and \$109,954.11 contributed for all purposes.

In another column is an article by Dr. S. A. Murphy about the New Orleans plan for their association. Don't fail to read it.

Picayune: J. L. Moran, a senior in Mississippi College, was examined last Friday night, Jan. 2, by a group of ministers in our county, and one deacon from our church. The council, composed of S. P. Powell, Morrell Lee, Marvin Lee, J. N. Holloway, J. D. Griffin, W. M. Miller and the writer, commended him to the church for ordination. The church approved the recommendation and proceeded with the ordination Sunday morning, Jan. 4th. Sixteen deacons and the entire congregation joined in the service and extended hands of prayerful appreciation. J. L. returned to Mississippi College that afternoon. He has been called to a church near Yazoo City.—O. P. Estes.

Ruth Ford Safe in China: Miss Ruth Ford, a Southern Baptist missionary nurse in China, is safe in Canton, her parents have been notified. She had been en route to China when war broke in the Pacific.

Rayville, La.: The year 1941 was in many ways a great year with our church. The budget for the year was over paid by the amount of \$1,350, which was applied mostly on the building debt. We had two revivals, with above 50 additions to the membership. On Dec. 22 the Christmas pageant was presented twice, with a packed house at each showing, 142 characters. The Christmas gift from the church to the pastor and family this year was a check for \$100, for which we were deeply grateful. Our 1942 budget is increased by 10% over the budget for 1941. We thank the Lord for His blessings upon us and as we enter the fifth month of our sixth year here, we face the future as best we know how.—Jno. H. Hooks.

Dr. Frank M. Powell of Louisville, Kentucky, has been called as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, to succeed Rev. S. B. Cooper, who recently went to Birmingham as pastor of 35th Avenue Church. Mississippi and Tupelo Baptists are the gainers.

Holly Springs Brotherhood does more than meet. Brotherhood members teach the Sunday school lesson each Tuesday in the county jail. Other organizations may learn from the Holly Springs Brotherhood.

Ruth—is the title of a book that every mother, father and daughter should read. It will be helpful to sons also. It sets forth in a never-to-be-forgotten way the beautiful life of a wonderful woman. Ruth was Ruth Carver Gardner, daughter of Dr. W. O. Carver and wife of Rev. E. Norfleet Gardner. Don't fail to read this book. It is not biography, but INSPIRATION. The publishers are the Broadman Press and the price is \$1.50. Order from your Baptist Book Store.

It pays to dedicate. Quitman Church recently voted a 50% increase to the Cooperative Program for 1942 and a very substantial increase in the pastor's salary. (80 Records go to Quitman.—A. L. G.)

Mr. and Mrs. John Stone are the proud parents of a six pound baby girl. Mrs. Stone (Jane Pinnix) is a former W. M. U. field worker and until recently secretary for the executive secretary, D. A. McCall.

Macon: The services last Sunday night were conducted largely by the members of our missionary society. The occasion was the installation of officers for 1942. The service was beautiful, impressive and inspiring. Mrs. Lee Priest, the out-going president, led in the installation, delivering the charge to each officer and presenting a small rugged cross as a reminder of needed consecration and faithfulness. The use of candles and of a cross whose light grew as each officer was installed was most impressive. At the close of the service the W. M. U. pin was presented to Mrs. Priest as a token of the appreciation of the society. The presentation was beautifully made by Mrs. David Carpenter on behalf of the group. Mrs. George Ogden becomes the presiding officer for the coming year. We expect to continue growth of the society both in numbers and in fruits.—R. D. Pearson, Pastor.

I Shall Meet Tomorrow Bravely, by Sybil Leonard Arms. Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn. Copyright, 1941, by the publishers. 55 pp. Price fifty cents. This is a well-written, well printed and well bound book of poems that should appeal to all poetry lovers.

The announcement is made this week that the Religious Herald of Virginia will be printed on newsprint hereafter. The quality of paper on which it has been printed has gone up fifty-five percent. We have never seen why religious papers had to be printed on the most expensive paper. We will look forward to the coming of the Religious Herald with keen interest. We will continue to read the fine editorials even though they are printed on wrapping paper. We read but do not eat papers, though the Religious Herald is mighty good mental and spiritual food.—Charity and Children. We note that the Florida Baptist Witness has done likewise.

Brother E. N. Dalzell, a consecrated business man of Nashville, has been elected circulation manager of the Baptist and Reflector, the Baptist state paper of Tennessee.

Among the visitors to The Baptist Record office this week were the following: Rev. J. S. Deaton, Jackson; Rev. A. A. Ward, Lena; Rev. G. O. Parker, Magee; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cole, Philadelphia; Dr. J. P. Kirkland, New Albany; Rev. Guy Little, Pinola; Rev. M. P. Jones, Hazlehurst; Rev. S. B. Harrington, Moselle; Dr. C. Z. Holland, Canton; Mr. Houston Williams, Bethlehem; Mr. R. N. White, Florence; Rev. N. S. Jackson, Jackson; Mr. Crawford Youngblood, Forest.

Dr. T. D. Brown, pastor of the Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., has been called as pastor of the First Baptist Church here. Dr. Brown is a native of Mississippi and is a graduate of Mississippi College at Clinton and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville.

The First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor, had a "bond-burning" service at the church, at the end of the old year, which signified freedom from all church indebtedness. During the period of this indebtedness, which was incurred in the erection of a one-half million dollar ten-story church building April, 1922 to December, 1941, the church raised \$1,629,875.00 for all purposes; over \$600,000.00 of which went to denominational objects and had 8,370 additions to the membership.

Vernon, Noxubee County: The members of the Vernon church remembered their pastor at Christmas with a hearty shower of good things. The building is being repaired under the leadership of Deacons J. F. Weaver, Johnson Simmons and Ernest Kennedy. A Sunday School is being organized at once. We rejoice in the fine spirit of cooperation in this little country church that has a great heart. With preaching services one afternoon each month, they plan to carry on the Master's work.—R. D. Pearson, Pastor.

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STRANGE PEOPLE I HAVE MET

H. C. Funderburk in Baptist Standard

People who talk about prayer but who never pray.

People who say tithing is right but who do not tithe.

People who wish to belong to the church but who never attend or support the church.

People who say that a man reaps what he sows and then sow sin, disloyalty and disobedience.

People who make good salaries and give nickels and dimes to the church.

People who say that the Bible is God's Word to man and yet who do not read it.

People who say they believe in heavenly rewards but who never do anything to gain such rewards.

People who say that eternity is of more importance than time, but who live for this present life only.

People who criticize others for things they do themselves.

People who say "We" in accomplishments in which they had no part.

People who stay away from church for trivial reasons and then sing, "O How I Love Jesus."

People who repeat a scandalous rumor while declaring they do not believe it is true.

People who had rather hear something bad about another than something good.

People who follow the devil all their lives, but expect to go to heaven when they die.—(Some of these people live in Mississippi.)

THE SITUATION IN CHINA NOW

By Hendon M. Harris

When Japan made the surprise attack on the United States over sixty of our Southern Baptist missionaries were caught in Japanese-occupied territory in China. According to reliable reports most of these missionaries are being treated kindly for the present at least. The amount of money they are allowed to draw from banks is severely restricted to an inadequate sum. Some missionaries of other Boards in Japan proper have been confined, but not all. Southern Baptists now have only W. Maxfield Garrott in Japan. We have no news concerning his present status. About fifteen of our missionaries are in unoccupied China in Wuchow, Kweilin and Chengchow. Chengchow was in Japanese hands for a few days but was retaken by the Chinese. Our Board is still able to get money to missionaries in unoccupied China. In Hawaii we have fifteen missionaries from the Far East who are working in these islands for the present. Truth compels us to say that there is not much prospect for the missionaries now in Japanese hands getting home until the war is over. Let all our people pray earnestly that the missionaries in enemy territory continue to be unmolested and not subjected to mistreatment in the future. Nearly all these workers are either husbands and fathers or single women. Most married women and children were evacuated months ago. May the Lord give grace and strength to those who have loved ones in enemy control.

There are some very encouraging things connected with Christian work in China now. Never have the Chinese people had a deeper feeling of confidence in and affection for missionaries than now. Never have the Chinese been closer to America and Britain than now. We are allies in a life and death struggle. There are practically no limitations on missionary work where the Chinese government is in control. In multiplied ways missionaries have cared for the hungry, the wounded, the naked, protected women and refugees and shown sympathy with the Chinese resistance to aggression. When war came Southern Baptists were baptizing seven thousand converts each year. The quantity and quality of native leadership show consistent growth.

It is estimated that there are twenty times as many Christians in places of responsibility in the Chinese government as there are of any similar group. Again, it has been stated that the most outstanding group of Christians in any government is the group of Christians connected with the Chinese government. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and his wife read their Bibles and pray every day. They are devoted Christians. Thirteen Christian universities have been pouring out their products for years with results that are now manifest in this hour of destiny.

The war will be hard and long. When it is over there will be an unparalleled opportunity for Christian work in the Far East. The Golden Era of Missions will have dawned. Will we be ready for it? The workers who go from our country then will have to be of unusual calibre. China will soon be a world power, a dominant force in Eastern Asia. Missionaries who go with an understanding spirit, with an attitude of humility and love for the people will be able to accomplish wonders. Already there are seven thousand Protestant churches with thousands of experienced church workers. Suffering has purified and refined the church constituency. Those who know most about the situation in China are confident that the future of Christian missions in that part of the world glows with promise and hope.

(Dr. Harris has recently returned from China.—A. L. G.)

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With one building under construction, plans are now being launched for another by a church just recently organized, reports Rev. Percy Ray, Home Board missionary in the Pickwick Dam area.

An Italian mission in Tampa, Fla., has grown into a church, having been constituted recently as the North Albany Baptist Church. This development is the result of the work of Dr. J. F. Plainfield and Rev. Alex Passetti, workers of the Home Mission Board.

WHAT LEGAL LIQUOR HAS MEANT IN ALABAMA

Mississippi's neighbor to the east, the state of Alabama, has legalized the sale of liquor in state stores for more than a year now.

Dr. Seale Harris, of Birmingham, one of the foremost professional men of that state, a tolerant and liberal in his attitudes, discussed the liquor situation in Alabama during his visit to Jackson this week.

Here are the hard facts as he has access to them from official sources:

The United States marshal for the Northern Alabama district says that there have been more arrests for bootlegging and sale of illegal liquor in the fiscal year (July 1, 1940—June 30, 1941) than ever in the history of the state.

Dr. W. D. Partlow, director of the state insane hospital of Alabama, says there are more cases of liquor-produced illness than ever before. Alcoholic insanity has increased 700 per cent in Alabama since repeal, and the situation is worse among women. The state hospital alone handled 32 cases of alcoholic insanity among women the first repeal year as against none the last prohibition year. Private hospitals have others.

State traffic officers tell Dr. Harris that a large proportion of auto wrecks in the state are due to alcohol, and that there has been an increase of crime of all kinds since repeal. It has been necessary to enlarge jails since repeal and in some periods of time, as high as 75 per cent of prisoners confined are there because of liquor law violations.

"I have noted many more physical breakdowns due to alcohol since repeal—particularly is this true of women. You remember that Dr. Charles Mayo is author of the statement that three out of every ten persons who drink socially become an addict.

"One of the reasons that the American army in the first World War won so many battles and was the best army in France was because it was the soberest army. No alcoholic beverage was allowed to be sold within five miles of army and navy training camps at that time.

"One of the worst things that can happen is the allowing of sale of alcoholic beverages in army camps now, and the bootlegging of liquor near army cantonments and camps.

"The wide use of beer in America is introducing German morals and German social customs and ideals into America.

"Prostitution is on the increase in Germany, where a large percentage of prostitutes are derived from bar maids. Conditions are tending that way and may continue to grow in that way in America. There is a distinct connection between the increase of drinking and the increase of prostitution."

May we commend the Clarion-Ledger for publishing the above article on page one of a recent issue.

In this article one of the South's outstanding men gives the facts.

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Soon we shall begin our sixteenth year at the Baptist Rescue Mission, the Home Mission Board's agency in New Orleans for rescue work. Not a single night has passed in all this time without a service being held where the gospel was preached and sinners invited to come to Jesus. On a recent night we had 130 in our service, 12 of whom made a public profession of having received Jesus as Savior, one an inmate of our Woman's Home. You can imagine the thrill when hardened sinners, who have seen the world and committed all kinds of sins, walk down the aisle saying, "Yes, I have sinned, but I want to be saved. I want to begin anew with Christ as my Savior." The money and effort that have been spent then begin to mean something, and we give thanks all over again that Southern Baptists still believe in the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and that they have been far-sighted enough to place in this old city of wickedness, where thousands of men come, a lighthouse of gospel truth, where they have a chance to begin over with the Lord Jesus Christ to help them. Our task is greater with the coming of bad weather. Keep us on your prayer list.

"WHITE GIFTS FOR THE KING" AT GRENADA

G. E. Wiley, Grenada, Miss.

The First Baptist Church of Grenada observed Christmas this year by putting on a "White Gift For the King" service. The Woman's Missionary Society had already made their gifts to the Lottie Moon Offering, amounting to \$150.00. Many other things had been taken care of, amounting to several hundreds of dollars over and above the regular gifts of the church. But there were many people in the community who would go without Christmas cheer unless somebody else took care of them. Consequently, a committee was appointed to get up an appropriate service of worship, to be followed by the White Gifts program. Mrs. J. C. Hathorn, teacher in the high school, very kindly responded to this request, and prepared an inspiring tableau, which was presented by six charming young ladies, augmented by the church choir. The young ladies were: Miss Louise Avent, Miss Laverne Wilson, Frances Herring, Ann Duncan, Margaret Green, Lucy Moss. People are still talking about their wonderful program. The White Gifts parts of the service was in the hands of Mr. J. D. Moss, Jr., superintendent of our Sunday school. Mr. Moss had thoroughly organized the Sunday school, and everything went through without a hitch. First came the Cradle Roll Department, represented by two little children, dressed in white. They were pushing a cart which was covered with white, and it contained a great quantity of merchandise, each article wrapped in white. There were clothes, foodstuffs, toys, and all sorts of things. Each department in the Sunday school, and each organized class in the Adult Department, as well as the W. M. U. and the B. T. U., was represented by someone pushing one of these white carts. When we had finished, the platform of the auditorium was almost completely covered with all sorts of gifts. It was an inspiring sight, everything wrapped in white, even money being in white envelopes. The next day these gifts were assorted by a committee, headed by Mrs. J. B. Perry, Sr., and there was more than enough to care for the many cases of need, taking in a radius of five miles around Grenada. The baskets and gifts were distributed by a committee headed by Mr. J. G. Hardy, Jr. Smith, smiles, smiles, miles of smiles! We are happy to know that we have been used in some small way to help a little bit. So many have said: "I'm so glad we did it. It certainly is more blessed to give than to receive." Others have said: "We must never have another Christmas without a White Gifts for the King Service."

Then, to top it all, on Christmas Eve, the deacons presented the pastor with a nice big check. Our cup runneth over!

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TESTIMONY OF A BUSINESS MAN

About a year ago, I began to tithe voluntarily and wholeheartedly without any insistence or pressure from anyone.

During the past year of tithing, my income has been about twice as much as it was in any year of my business life. My business is not directly or indirectly connected with national defense and national defense is not responsible for the increase.

The years of 1938, 1939 and 1940 were good ones in this territory for me, but my business was behind in both volume and net profits as compared with 1935, 1936 and 1937.

I am convinced in my mind that the increase is a fulfillment of the promise made in Malachi 3:10.

Far greater than the material side has been the peace of mind and freedom from worry that has come into my life, which cannot be counted in dollars and cents. One just does not worry about the future of his business when God is taken as a partner.

This is my personal experience and it is needless to say I am happy over it and can recommend it to everyone.

I believe it will work for you the same as it has for me and everyone else who has honestly tried it.—Church Chimes, Shreveport, La.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

Jesus said, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH." Mt. 16:18.

"A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is — work with the construction gang,
Not with the wreckin' crew."

I

The Jackson pastors voted heartily to enter into the 1943 statewide simultaneous evangelistic plans. This was without any prompting from this office. A fine spirit prevailed.

II

The first Wednesday prayer meeting hour of the New Year found us at First Baptist Church, Jackson, by invitation of Dr. Hewitt, pastor. They had just passed through the 24th anniversary date of Dr. and Mrs. Hewitt's service there. One could not wish for finer fellowship, or, for greater helpers in the Gospel.

The Sunday School Workers' Council was largely attended. We were privileged to speak on "Attendance and Enlistment Incentives."

The prayer hour found the house completely filled for prayer and the ordination of deacons. Dr. Hewitt presided and led in the examination. Brother W. G. Mize led the prayer. Dr. J. H. Winstead read the scripture. Your secretary was privileged to bring "the charge." The six splendid men ordained were: C. A. Barge, C. C. Smith, J. E. Hargrove, Zach Hederman, Sam Minnis and A. R. Tillman.

III

We opened the New Year attending a meeting of Southwide and State workers at Nashville. At first we questioned whether we should "take out" and attend. Now we are glad we did, for it was a most helpful meeting. You will be hearing from it. A departure from the usual considerations was had in Stewardship and abstinence from beverage alcohol emphasis.

Our New Year's Sunday engagement was at Star. Despite very cold weather a goodly number of worshippers were present. It was good to be back with them.

IV

Mrs. J. T. Cotton, 936 Union street, Jackson, Mississippi, has some splendid pictures, large and small, some of which she sells for the work among soldiers.

V

One of the most delightful volumes ever to come to our attention is "Ruth." In this reading we get intimate, touching glimpses of a beautiful life in its development—Ruth Carver Gardner. The mother is at her best, with her helpers.

Every mother, and daughter, and sister—yes, and the boys and men—particularly fathers and brothers, will enjoy to the fullest the reading of this rare story of a Christian girl.

VI

We have received a bound volume of 1942 Baptist Brotherhood quarterlies. Drs. Lawson Cook and Hugh Latimer have done a fine work in making available to the men the splendid materials found in these quarterlies. Men! by all means, you should subscribe for this outstanding periodical!

VII

Dr. R. C. Campbell furnishes another book of spiritual sermons in the volume "A Quest For God."

The first message, "God's Gibraltars," is just what the title suggests. He then gives an interesting picture of Jonah in "Running From God." We heard him bring to our Clinton Conference the last message of the book, "A Little Farther." It will comfort and challenge! You may secure this and other books at our Baptist Book Store.

VIII

The Broadman Press has rendered another distinct service in bringing to the reading public, "Kept by the Power of God," a recent book of

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

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I

Attention! Please! Soon we will be running a complete list of churches pledging to the Now Club. Please check your records and if the pledge of your church has not been reported to this office, let us have it. You will inspire others!

We will also be publishing the story of progress in payments made. Please see that we have in hand your contributions, and the contributions of your church.

II

Some weeks before the Convention of 1941 we had conversation with Brother C. Z. Holland, one of our alert pastors, with Mr. Leland Speed, prominent layman, and some others, regarding refinancing our bonded indebtedness, looking toward reduced interest. Since then other individuals have mentioned the matter. As yet no progress has been made in refinancing the \$415,000. That is a considerable sum. We have put out some lines in the matter.

We have no trouble borrowing \$50,000-\$100,000.

A state group may be more easily swayed to increasing obligations beyond reasonable bounds, than a Southwide group. Financiers know this.

Only sound business methods should prevail. We have a working plan at present. We should be careful in a substitute plan.

The best plan of all is to pay off all this indebtedness and save not only 6% interest, nor

sermons by Dr. J. W. Phillips. The first sermon under the above title is a great treatment for the souls of men. Other topics are: "Therefore," "Jesus, the Interpreter," "Fellowship," "The Best Robe," "Christian Character," "God and Sin," "Salvation," "Lost and Saved," "Wings," etc.

The language is exquisite, the word pictures are vivid. You will enjoy the book.

IX

Mid-winter Seminary conferences are as follows: Southwestern Seminary—January 26-30. Baptist Bible Institute—February 23-27. Southern Seminary—March 16-20.

X

We present the following list as we have them, of our Baptist Pastors' Conferences in Mississippi:

Central Baptist, Jackson—Monday after the second Sunday (representing all the churches meeting at Jackson in the Ministers' Conference, Monday after the first and third Sundays of each month).

Calhoun County Conference—First Monday, 10:00 a. m. only, at Pittsboro church.

Baptist Conference, Meridian 10:00 a. m., second, third and fourth Mondays at First Baptist Church. (Pastors of all the churches meeting at the First Presbyterian Church on each first Monday.)

Sardis Conference meets Tuesday after each second Sunday at 9:30 a. m.

Laurel Conference meets Monday after each third Sunday.

McComb Pastors' Conference meets Monday after each second Sunday. (The meeting is at First Baptist Church, McComb, 9:30 a. m.)

The Pastors' Conference at Starkville meets the last Monday of each month at 10:00 a. m.

The Delta Pastors' Conference meets on Monday after the second Sunday at 10:00 a. m. It does not always meet at the same place.

We would like to have the meeting dates and places of other Baptist conferences.

XII

First Baptist Church, Jackson, Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor, has just closed what is very likely the greatest year of its history.

A member says, "I just do not recall a Sunday when we have not had additions." Their budget was over \$50,000. They went well over it. Contributions for the year totaled \$62,254.49. Of this amount the report shows \$21,047.21 for "others"—missions, benevolences, etc. Congratulations!

3%, but all interest. Some are not as much interested at this point. Others are interested.

If we will retire \$100,000 bonds June 1st, and \$100,000 December 1st, 1942, and keep the same schedule 1943, our bonds will be no more.

We must act NOW to reach that goal!

III

Another \$1,000 Now Club donation comes from Mr. and Mrs. F. Hearn White, prominent West Point family. Doxology! This family has long been generous in support of Baptist causes.

IV

Bond maturities at present are as follows: 1941—paid; 1942—\$11,000; 1943—paid; 1944—paid; 1945—paid; 1946—paid; 1947—paid; 1948—\$30,000; 1949—\$29,500; 1950—\$30,000; 1951—\$31,500; 1952—\$35,000; 1953—\$40,000; 1954—\$52,500; 1955—\$52,500; 1956—\$51,500; 1957—\$52,500.

Therein lies our task.

V

When we started the Now Club our bonded indebtedness stood at \$542,000. Today it is \$415,000. In addition to reducing the amount \$127,000, we have paid, in the two years \$60,000 interest.

Let us pay off \$100,000 more bonds June 1st, and another \$100,000 bonds December 1st, 1942. We will be making progress then!

No. 3318 for \$36, Kossuth in Alcorn (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3320 for \$36, No. 3321 for \$36, Van Vleet in Chickasaw (Rev. W. C. Stewart, worker).

No. 72 for \$500, No. 632 for \$100, No. 77 for \$250, West Point in Clay.

No. 606 for \$100, Leland in Deer Creek (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3316 for \$36, No. 3536 for \$36, No. 3537 for \$36, No. 50 for \$250, No. 577 for \$100, No. 578 for \$50, No. 3538 for \$36, No. 3539 for \$36, No. 3540 for \$36, No. 3541 for \$36, No. 3565 for \$36, No. 3566 for \$36, No. 3567 for \$36, No. 3568 for \$38, No. 3569 for \$36, No. 3570 for \$36, No. 578 for \$100, No. 579 for \$50, No. 579 for \$100, No. 580 for \$100, No. 580 for \$50, No. 581 for \$50, No. 582 for \$50, Gulfport First in Gulf Coast Association (Hightower, field worker).

No. 49 for \$250, No. 575 for \$100, No. 577 for \$50, Pascagoula First in Jackson County (Hightower, field worker).

No. 576 for \$100, No. 3534 for \$36, No. 3535 for \$36 plus \$8, Pascagoula Second, in Jackson County (Hightower, field worker).

No. 3139 for \$36, Siwell in Hinds-Warren (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3322 for \$36, No. 3323 for \$36, No. 3324 for \$36, Society Hill in Jefferson Davis County (Mrs. Kirby Tyrone, worker).

No. 3319 for \$36, Midway in Lauderdale (Mrs. Alvin Reeves, worker).

No. 3533 for \$36, Tuscola in Leake (Hightower and McLaurin, field workers).

No. 606 for \$50, Barefoot Springs in Rankin (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 605 for \$100, Fannin in Rankin County (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 607 for \$100, No. 607 for \$50, Mispah in Rankin (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 630 for \$100, No. 570 for \$50, Pearl City in Rankin (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 604 for \$100, Richland in Rankin, No. 3135 for \$36, No. 3136 for \$36, No. 3137 for \$36, No. 3138 for \$18, Richland in Rankin (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3138 for \$18, Pearson in Rankin (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 583 for \$50, Union Church in Perry (Hightower, field worker).

No. 608 for \$100, No. 609 for \$100, Bethlehem in Simpson (McLaurin, field worker).

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NEWS FROM NIGERIA

From Lagos comes the following message of radiating loyalty and earnestness:

"The war has not, thus far, affected our work very much, although we are having a little trouble securing the necessary supplies. Very few of us out here have any desire to go to America under existing conditions. We had rather stay at our posts of duty than risk being sunk in the Atlantic or stranded in America way from our God-called tasks which need us so badly."

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

CAREFUL PLANS YIELD RESULTS AS W. M. U.
PRAYS FOR HOME MISSIONS

By Joe W. Burton,
Publicity Secretary, Home Mission Board

The telephone rang in the home of Mrs. George Chase of Columbus, Georgia.

"Mrs. Chase's residence," said the maid, taking down the receiver.

"Mary," came the voice in the telephone, "are you and Mrs. Chase going to be praying with us this afternoon when we have our Week of Prayer program for Home Missions?"

"We sho' is, Mrs. Howard. You knows we prays every day while you are praying at the church."

Mrs. Vera Howard, program chairman, did know that Mrs. Chase, a cripple who uses a wheel chair, and her maid at home, alone, would have together the same program being given at the church. Together the two each day studied the parts, prayed for the missionaries, and made their offerings, even as do the other shut-ins of the Columbus W. M. U.

Each day, late in the afternoon, Mrs. Howard called the Chase residence again, and she and Mary exchanged reports, Mary telling how she and Mrs. Chase had enjoyed the program and the program chairman reporting on the service at the church and the amount of the offering.

Typical of Home Missions Emphasis

This observance in the home of a cripple of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions is typical of the emphasis put on the week by the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church of Columbus, the spiritual blessings attending the observance, and the possibilities for kingdom advancement from the special prayer season.

An event each year in the life of this church is the first week in March. I know it to be so from a brief two-day visit last year for the inauguration of the week at Sunday morning services and at the first W. M. U. session on Monday.

I had felt the contagious spiritual exhilaration as the women entered prayerful albeit enthusiastically into these services. I had been thrilled with them when the leaders told me that the first day's offering was over \$300 and later, by letter, that the total for the week was \$1,176.55, more than \$400 above the previous year.

Such weeks of mountain-top blessings as have come in increasing tempo to the First Baptist Church of Columbus, I knew, do not happen by accident. Accordingly, I made a special trip down there in December to get the explanation.

I found the new program chairman, Mrs. M. L. Flournoy, already at work on plans for next March, even before any program material had been received. One speaker had already been secured, the decision had been made on a second, and others on the programs, she said, would be local women.

"We do not have many outside speakers," she explained, "but our women take most of the parts."

Ahead of Headquarters

Aided by Mrs. Howard, who has succeeded to the presidency, and the mission study chairman, Mrs. M. O. Turrentine, Mrs. Flournoy said that plans also were under way for the study of the preparatory book, **FELLOW HELPERS TO THE TRUTH**. That, too, before the book was off the press.

"They're ahead of headquarters," said Dr. Frederick S. Porter, pastor, proudly as he entered into the discussion.

The book, Mrs. Flournoy said, would be studied in circles, there being fifteen in the W. M. U., including one of mutes and another in a mission operated by the church. Study sessions, she said, would be held in the homes, sometimes for one day and rarely for more, according to plans made by the individual circles.

"When do you expect to have your program completely outlined for the Week of Prayer," I inquired.

"By February 1," she replied. "I expect to have

every part assigned, even to the special music, by that date."

Sunday Service On Home Missions

It was evident that the pastor regards Home Missions as of such importance as to warrant him in devoting to its consideration the most important sixty minutes of the week in the life of the church—from eleven until twelve on Sunday morning.

The Week of Prayer is deliberately, carefully, prayerfully planned, not just for days nor for weeks, but for months in advance. Public announcements are made, beginning in January, and the women are asked to pray for the proper observance of the week.

"What are your specific aims in your plans?" I asked further.

"We want to do better each year," Mrs. Flournoy replied.

"But is your main aim to get a larger offering?" I asked.

"No, I do not think so much about the money as I do about the women giving themselves to the Lord," said Mrs. Flournoy.

"I think quite a bit about the money," Mrs. Howard spoke up. "Of course, I know that when we give ourselves we will give our money, and our aim in preparation is to bring about consecration. But when I head the list and see the need and think how much a few dollars will do, I must confess that I am anxious for a large offering. After all, is it a sin to be greedy for the Lord?"

Old Fashioned Offerings

The offerings each day are made in the old fashioned way. Everyone comes up to the front and lays her offering on a table—some in envelopes, much of it loose bills and checks.

"The big giving," said Mrs. Howard, "comes from the missions circle, from people who have no income. They bring their offerings in little bags, which, when I have opened and seen the nickels and pennies, have made me cry inside. Those are our big gifts."

I wanted to know if the church was one-sided in its support of missions. Quite to the contrary I learned that the women were rejoicing in Lottie Moon offering to Foreign Missions just completed which had totaled more than \$2,500 and that for seven years in succession the W. M. U. had led the state in special offerings to State Missions.

Cultivating Habit of Giving

"Have these special offerings interfered with support of the local budget?" I inquired of the pastor.

"Not at all," he answered at once. "They have helped every phase of our church life. These special weeks of study and prayer and offering have lifted the whole level of Christian stewardship to the point where the church as a whole is steadily meeting a grater challenge."

"Indeed the acid test is how the budget turns out. This year the budget in all of its phases is fully subscribed. The missionary budget is over-subscribed. Invariably in our church the missionary part of the budget comes up first and the expense account comes slower. This is because missions is magnified, and the thing magnified will register somewhere."

"There is now very little feeling that special offerings for missions hurt local support. These special offerings cultivate the habit of giving and by them the church is helped in every way. A man voluntarily handed me a check for one of the W. M. U. offerings, saying that he wanted to have a part in the offerings."

"The greatest contribution," Dr. Porter added, "of these seasons of prayer for missions is that they establish the habit of centering on missions. Our people expect it, and it is not new for us to raise a large offering and receive the blessing which come from worthy giving."

Blessings From The Offering

I asked in turn the W. M. U. leaders what each thought to be the greatest accomplishment from the observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions.

"A deeper conception of stewardship," said Mrs. Flournoy.

"Greater knowledge of the fields and needs," said the retiring president, Mrs. S. C. Butler. "I never before saw the Southern field as clearly as

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEADERS

Take Note

WATCHWORD—Remember the Watchword, Hymn and Program Topics for the Year are also for your young people. Memorize the Watchword and Hymn, use them often in your meetings. Here are the comments on it from "World Comrades":

SUNBEAMS—It will help shining Sunbeams to look to Jesus for light and love that they may reach out to little children in darkness. Many must hide in the damp gloom of air raid shelters in Europe and England and China. Their hearts are sad with sorrow and sin. Sunbeams can help to send them light and truth.

GIRLS' AUXILIARIES—The Girls' Auxiliary Watchword, Isaiah 60:1, is really the answer to this petition in the Psalms. Light has come and truth has been made known in Christ and now girls are to arise and shine, letting this light radiate over the world, letting this truth lead us. Throughout 1942 girls alert will grow more mindful of their part in lifting light and revealing truth to all the world.

ROYAL AMBASSADORS—Royal Ambassadors facing the future understand at once that they need now to help spread light and truth that their days as men may be lived in peace. To this end they are Ambassadors for Christ. Where the darkness of savage war reigns, they must reveal the shining light of truth, following the Christ who "is the way, the truth and the life."

YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES—As young women lift up their eyes and look upon the fields they are constrained to pray and work to the end that His Light and Truth will be sent out. May young women seek true wisdom as they come to know—"They that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

NEW BOOKS ON CUBA—See the article on this page about these books:

Y. W. A's—"Meet the Youth of Cuba"—40c.

Intermediate G. A's and R. A's—"Dear Margaret"—40c.

Junior G. A's and R. A's—"Tia Tells a Story"—25c.

Sunbeams—"Carmita of Cuba"—25c.

Secure these books from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, and study them in preparation for the Home Mission Season of Prayer.

Y. W. A's—Have you read the inside cover of the January issue of "The Window of Y. W. A."? It tells of something new and very attractive. Be sure and do so immediately!

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION!—Resolve to visit, display and explain the value of "World Comrades" and "The Window of Y. W. A." to the parents of each of your members. Our young people need these magazines! Secure subscriptions and send the dollars to 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala.

FELT-O-GRAPHS

Information can be secured from these two addresses:

1. Story-o-Graphs, B. O. Box 145, Pasadena, California.

2. Christian Publications, Third and Reilly Streets, Harrisburg, Pa.

I did from studying "GIVE YE THEM TO EAT." We need to place more emphasis on the Week of Prayer for home missions. We could convert the world and not leave our own shores."

"The greatest value," said Mrs. Newsom, "is giving—a result of stewardship."

"To me," said Mrs. Howard, "the greatest accomplishment is the joy which comes when we apply stewardship; it is the blessing which comes from giving time, prayer and offerings. Toward the end of the week last March one woman said that she was making a second offering, that she had given early in the week, but now she wanted to give more. Another said that she was happier than ever after making an offering for which she had been saving over a long period."

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Associate Secretary

JOHN A. FARMER, Associate Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

Standards

We have come to the time when many schools, classes, and departments should make application for the standard award for the new year. The general school standard runs by the calendar year, so now is the time for applying for the award for 1942. All 1941 standard schools can apply NOW for the 1942 award, if all the ten points are met. We want to make this month the greatest January ever in standards. Let's take as our slogan in this: Make January Standard Month.

All class and department standards run from October to October. But since these class and department standards are made out for a three months' period, January is the time to apply for the standard award for the quarter that ended December 31, 1941. Blanks for making application for the standard award will be gladly sent on request.

Do not delay doing this important part of your year's work. And, by doing it early, you will give your people the encouragement that comes from this fine achievement, and thus help them for a full year instead of only part of it.

Don't forget to Make January Standard Month.

These Now In

From the First Church, Grenada, comes the first standard Cradle Roll department of the year. Congratulations to Mrs. Ed Swetland and her fine corps of workers. We need only five more standard Cradle Roll departments to reach our goal for 1942. Who'll be next?

The second standard Primary department comes from Picayune First Church. Mrs. B. Whitfield is the superintendent of this fine department, which has been standard for a number of years. Our goal for standard Primary departments for 1942 is 18; we now have two; who will be the third one?

Philadelphia Junior department leads the state this year by becoming the first standard department for 1942. Our heartiest congratulations to Miss Zula Walton and her workers on this fine achievement. We need seven more standard Junior departments to reach our goal this year. Will you be the next one?

Along with the Junior department application from Philadelphia came standard applications from eight of their nine classes. These are: Light Bearers, Miss Gladys Darby, teacher; Race Runners, Miss Ruth Lay, teacher; Loyal Soldiers, Miss Enez Darby, teacher; Doers of the Word, J. P. Foster, teacher; Cheerful Helpers, Miss Florence Callihan, teacher; Shining Lights, Miss Mattie Mae Viverette, teacher; Church Goers, Miss Eliza Crews, teacher; Truth Seekers, Mrs. P. E. Walker, teacher.

We can reach our 1942 goal of 150 standard Junior classes if every class in Mississippi will follow the example set by these from Philadelphia. We are counting on YOU.

Schools

The distinction of being the first standard schools for 1942 goes to

Quitman, Rev. W. L. Meadows, pastor, S. B. Kirkland, superintendent; and to Wesson, Dr. Mark Lowry, pastor, W. H. Smith, superintendent.

We are indeed grateful for this promptness in sending in the applications, and there should be many others to follow soon.

On Duty

"On Duty For God and Country" is the name of the vest pocket edition of the Sunday school lessons for our boys in military service. These are ten cents each. Get them for the boys from your church who are now in the country's service.

Sunday School Board

In Nashville the first of this year was held the annual meeting of Sunday school, Training Union and executive secretaries of all states in the Southern Baptist Convention, together with executive officers and workers of all departments of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The meeting was well attended, a good program was carried out, a most helpful and inspiring spirit was manifest throughout, and much was done in planning for 1942. There we learned of many of the victories won last year in all the states. The figures are not yet available for all these facts, but just as soon as they are we plan to give our people some of them for their own encouragement. 1941 was in many respects the very best year we have ever had in our work.

We gleaned these interesting facts about the work of the Sunday School Board: That 1941 was the greatest year in its history in the volume of work done; that December was the greatest month in all its great and glorious history in volume of work; that 3,126 copies of books are published every day; that it would take 100 train cars to haul the Sunday School Board literature for one year; a year's supply of wrapping paper for periodicals is 104,484 pounds; a year's supply of printing ink costs \$13,000.00; cost of paper to print periodicals for one year is \$250,000.00; total weight of periodicals mailed out last year was 3,566,556 pounds.

As we see the tremendous volume in all these materials, and then think of the rise in cost of paper of from 15% to 26%, and a 10% increase in labor, we can realize why it is necessary that a small increase be made this year on some of the literature and periodicals. However, we shall accept it gladly because we know why it is.

Forward for Intermediates' Sake

We can go far beyond our goals in Intermediate Sunday school work if every Intermediate teacher will do the following:

1. Register the class.
2. Lead the class to attain the Standard of Excellence.
3. Take the two Intermediate Study Course books.
4. Request the church to order "The Intermediate Counselor" for you.
5. Attend the special associational meeting.

Associational Meetings

Next Monday, January 19, our Mississippi associational Sunday School meetings will begin and run through Friday, January 23. This is the second series of such meetings that are planned for the years of the Four Year Program of Southern Baptists.

Fourteen teams will make five associations each that week, thus covering the entire state in the interest of the Sunday School and Vacation Bible School program for 1942. Some of these workers will be from the Sunday School Board, some from our state Sunday School Department, and some from all the associations in the state.

The success of these meetings depends on the people attending. So, let all of us do our very best to get our Sunday School workers from every church to attend. It will be a great time of discussing together some of the great things a school may do in 1942 and also to plan how these may best be done. We want the pastors, superintendents, teachers, all officers of every kind, associational officers, moderators, and others to come with us that day for the only meeting of this particular type that will be held in the association this year. The schedule of meetings has been mailed to every pastor, superintendent, and associational superintendent in the state.

A Southwide Honor Roll will be made of every association that has every church represented, and also of the church in each association that has the best attendance based on church membership. These Honor Roll churches and associations will be run in the Baptist Record and also in the Southwide bulletins. Work hard to get your association and church on this select list. Next Sunday is your last Sunday to plan for your people to attend. Do your very best in the interest of the work for 1942.

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KINGS SHALL BOW BEFORE HIM

From West Africa Miss Lena Lair writes of a thanksgiving service held in Ile-Ife, to celebrate the eleventh anniversary of the accession of the King of that town. For two hours, the song, prayer, praise and sermon went on. At the close of the service a thanksgiving offering was made by hundreds of people present at the meeting.

Miss Lair writes: "You should have seen their rich-looking dresses and robes; some of royal blue velvet, others of red velvet—a great array of fine garments. It was very impressive to see him, a king whom the people worship, bowing before God and acknowledging Him as the God who had been good and gracious in leading him as he led his people."

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Financial Terms

A recession is a period in which you tighten up your belt. A depression is a time when you have no belt to tighten. When you have no pants to hold up, it's a panic.—Ruth Storey, Louisiana, in Progressive Farmer.

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At the end of his exam paper the fresh wrote: "Dear Professor: If you sell any of my answers to a funny paper, you will have to split 50 per cent with me."

A MESSAGE FROM MEXICO

(Foreign Mission Board)—Missionary Orvil W. Reid, writing of conditions in Mexico, says:

"We have no money for literature. With what I have been able to give and with the help of some friends, we have bought, within the last nine months, over twenty thousand copies of the Gospels and have put out over sixty thousand tracts and booklets; but what are these among twenty-one million souls?"

"Oh, we selfish, sinful Americans, how God has blessed us! We waste more than the average people in the world have to live on. What will it take to open our eyes and our purses—to break our hearts until we shall be eager to give the world the Gospel?"

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Harrisville Welcomes Pastor Chance

The family and I are happily situated in the nice new pastor's home at Harrisville where we found a hearty welcome and a well filled pantry.

Our work is going nicely. Brother McCullough came over Sunday to assist me in ordaining J. B. Chappell, Osborne Ross and Archie Murray as deacons. Pray for us and come to see us.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson For January 18

Texts: Matt. 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-11;
Luke 3:1-22

Introduction.

If you would know the character of any movement, you would do well to examine its origins. In the story of the ministry of John the Baptist we are back at the beginning of the Christian movement. May I take time to point out that this John was the Baptist? John was called the Baptist, because he baptized his converts in water; but it is well to examine his teaching to see what sort of people he baptized, and why he baptized them. It would seem to me to be reasonable to say that the people he baptized were then Baptist people. They had accepted John's teaching and had followed John's directions as to what to do by way of professing conversion to his teaching. So the group he baptized was a Baptist group. Our Lord Jesus was a member, after a while, of this group. Under His Lordship a number of John's baptized disciples began the rudimentary functions of a church, a called-out group, a company of baptized believers agreeing to follow the Lord and do His work. I think this first group was a Baptist group, this first called-out company a Baptist company. But let us look at the Baptist and his work, look very briefly, of course.

I. John's Person. Matt. 3:4; Luke 1:80; 3:2.

1. John's point of origin. He was a country preacher. "The word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. He 'was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel.'" How do we get corroborative proof of this?

From his food. He dined on locusts and wild honey. This was such food as he found in his country fastnesses.

From his clothing. He was dressed in the garb of the country man, the poor country man. An over-all mantle of camel's hair, girt to his waist with a leathern girdle.

From his speech. Examine his figures of speech and see how they all are native to the country. "Ye offspring of vipers." Ye den of snakes. Now dens of snakes are not found in cities. "Even now the ax lieth at the root of the trees: every tree therefore that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire." The ax is a country implement, chopping trees down is a country occupation, log heaps wherein useless trees are burnt are built and burned in the country. "Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly cleanse His threshing floor: and He will gather His wheat into His garner, but the chaff He will burn up with unquenchable fire." All this is country language. This country preacher talked country talk. That is why the common people understood him.

From his practice. He preached in the open spaces and baptized his converts in the river. He baptized his Lord in the river. How many of you, my readers, have seen a country preacher baptize a company

of converts in some running stream, a creek, a river, a lake? Well, the rite performed nowhere else seems quite so impressive to me yet.

II. John's Message. Matt. 3:2-12; Luke 3:3-13.

As to himself. He called himself a voice, merely that. He set himself up as no great one. He was the herald merely of a great One coming after him. See where he set himself to proclaim his message. Out in the desert, in the wilderness. To me there has always seemed to be a large element of modesty in this selection of a place in which to preach. As to the Lord. So great was He that John accounted himself unworthy to untie His shoestrings. There was no mock humility here. John was honestly trying to express the idea he had of the greatness of the Lord.

As to the actions of this coming Lord. Here poor John did as many a good Baptist preacher has since done. He wrought him out a program which he thought the Lord would carry out. He was not presumptuous, but he reasoned things out and came to the conclusion that what he said the coming One would do was what John thought He would do. "He is going," John said, "to wind up this matter of evil in the world right away." He is going to cleanse His threshing floor. He is going to separate the good in the world from the evil, and He is going to do it without delay. You just watch and see. He is going to destroy the evil and preserve the good, and He is going to do it right away.

When the Lord came, He did not do what John thought He was going to do. Ah, how often Baptist preachers have seen this sort of thing come to pass in the case of their own planning. The writer of this lesson has placed himself in that company. He has tried what he thought was the will of the Lord, and has seen his plans, plans on which he thought the Lord had laid His blessings, come to naught.

There are those of you who read this that have been in perplexity many a time. I have fine brethren among the readers of this paper who have prepared themselves for a work of real worth and have then stood and watched opportunity repeatedly pass them by. There are those among you who time and again have been unable to see why the Lord brought to naught your dearest planings. So it was with John.

A few months now and he will be disappointed, discouraged, and in prison. He had looked for something, and had not found it. So his moral courage fails and he sends from his prison to know of Jesus, "Art thou He?"

III. The Fruit of John's Toil. Read again the passages.

Multitudes were turned in their thinking to the Lord. Perhaps it would be best to say that the best fruit was that which it bore in his own life. His preaching of the truth confirmed him in his own belief of it.

He sent the Lord His first disciples, and sent them from among his own. He had the joy to see Jesus win men to fellowship with Himself, and to turn men from their occupation with the vanities of the world to service of the Lord.

His loyalty to His Lord has been the model example of loyalty to all

CLARKE COLLEGE OBSERVES WEEK OF PRAYER

Clarke Memorial College Y. W. A. observed the annual week of prayer for foreign missions. The observance was begun Sunday night at the Newton Baptist church with a beautiful and impressive pageant, written by Miss Rebecca Eddinger, a freshman, from Winston-Salem, N. C. The subject was, "Victory Through Christ." It very effectively portrayed America and the dependence of the other nations of the world on her for the truth of the gospel which can make them free.

The chapel hour each day was given over to the programs so that all of the students could have an opportunity to enjoy them. The theme for Monday was, "Triumph Through the Word of God in Latin America." The different phases of the work in Latin America were presented by different members of the Y. W. A. Bro. J. E. Wills, a former missionary to China, had charge of Tuesday's program. He discussed, "The Triumph of Light Over Darkness in Africa." The college Y. W. A. had charge of Thursday's program, presenting, "Triumph Amid Difficulties in Europe and Palestine." Friday they presented a program, "Triumph Through Prayer," and observed the day of prayer around the world. The week's program ended Saturday with a vesper service, after which the students gave their Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

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Judas

"Still, as of old
Man by himself is priced.
For thirty pieces Judas sold himself—
Not Christ."

—Unknown.

the generations of men since his day. He met the requirements of the Lord that a steward shall be faithful. He realized for himself and gave to the world an illustration of the truth of the saying, "Behold the upright man and consider the perfect man; for the end of that man is peace," or better, "the end of that man is a reward."

His crowning work as a preacher. The baptism of his Lord, John might have regarded as the crowning work of his ministry. He had fellowship with the Lord in the fulfillment of all righteousness.

BRAZIL CLOSES THE DOOR TO NEW MISSIONARIES

For nearly 60 years Southern Baptists have had a highly successful mission in Brazil. Today the Baptist constituency totals 568 churches, 336 pastors, 47,536 church members, and 41,955 Sunday school pupils. On his return from South America last spring, Dr. John R. Mott spoke with high enthusiasm of the missionary opportunity which he had observed there, and particularly in Brazil. This fall the Southern Board hoped to send several new missionaries to Brazil. Suddenly the government refused to grant entrance visas. As to the reasons there can be only surmises and questions. No official explanation has been offered. Is the refusal of admission due to Nazi influence which is known to be strong in Brazil? Is it prompted by the dictatorship government which has perhaps been fearful of any agency or persons propagating evangelical Christianity which by its nature spreads the doctrines of freedom and democracy? Is it due to Roman Catholic pressure because of the growing strength of the evangelical movement in South America? The Southern Board is faced with a serious dilemma. All efforts thus far to have the ban against new missionaries annulled or amended have been unsuccessful.—Missions.

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**FIRST CHURCH, McCOMB
SUSTAINS LOSS**

The First Baptist Church of McComb sustained a great loss recently in the tragic death of Mr. Hilary P. Moseley. Mr. Moseley died as the result of an unfortunate automobile accident in which he was critically wounded.

Mr. Moseley had served the church for more than eighteen years as clerk and deacon. In all the affairs of our church he was found faithful. We thank God for our happy memories of his useful life and pray for his sorrowing loved ones.

Mr. Charles H. Douglas was unanimously elected to the office of church clerk in our recent business meeting. He has proved his worth by his faithfulness in all other duties in the church and we feel fortunate in having him to serve in this capacity.

Wyatt R. Hunter.

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**THE NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION PLAN**

By Dr. S. A. Murphy, Moderator

Rev. A. L. Goodrich, Circulation Manager for The Baptist Record, asked me to give him a word concerning the plan and program of the New Orleans Baptist Association. Hastily, yet prayerfully, I make mention of a few changes in our work in recent years.

New Orleans Baptist Association is composed of thirty-four churches. Most of them are located in greater New Orleans. Several years ago, the annual program or associational meeting was poorly attended, for the program was crowded into a few hours on one day. Most of the time was given to reading reports; shall I say reports handed down for decades? Certainly this is the practice in many associations. The few who attended were women and preachers. The laymen were not coming to the meetings. We knew something had to be done to reach a larger number of people, especially our men; hence we changed our time to night sessions only and tried to make the program more interesting. For several years we have had five night sessions, running from Monday through Friday night, with a two-hour program each night. We have condensed the written reports; often they are passed on to the Executive Committee for reading before publishing in minutes. This allows more time for discussion and asking questions concerning the different phases of work. In order to make the program more inspirational special music is rendered from time to time, usually by one of our choirs, and we have one or more brief inspirational messages each night. For five years we have been fortunate to have one of the best southern preachers come and deliver a series of messages. The program each night is closed with the special address. (Dr. D. A. McCall was our guest preacher one time.) Now our people look forward to the annual associational meeting. The attendance has grown from less than one hundred to several hundreds, and the spirit of cooperation has grown a thousand fold.

We try to keep the work before our people throughout the year. In order to do this we have a program each month in one of the churches.

The meeting is considered as an associational program, but one of our associational organizations puts on the program, namely: the Sunday school, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and Baptist Student Union. It takes five months to get around to all our organizations. Lest the people forget, we public a "Calendar of Activities," and distribute in all our churches. We urge all church leaders to keep one of these small calendars before them daily. I carry one in my pocket and keep one on my desk in my office all the time.

Brethren, remember I have given this brief sketch of our work by request. We are not doing anything to brag about in our city and association, but we are growing, thank God. Our Executive Board has planned to purchase a gospel tent, with equipment, and take the gospel out to the people in all sections in the South's largest city. The work here is not easy, but it is glorious. Pray for us.

New Orleans will one day be a Baptist city.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

The items below are taken from The Baptist Record of twenty-five years ago.

Dr. J. D. Ray has been called to Starkville. Pastor R. A. Eddleman of Shelby is conducting this week in his church a Bible Training School with the help of J. E. Byrd, W. E. Holcomb, Dr. J. B. Lawrence and Miss Margaret Lackey.

Dr. Webb Brame began his work at New Albany with the new year. The First Church at Vicksburg has called Dr. R. A. Kimbrough of Shreveport, La.

Leaflets are out announcing the "Annual Bible School" for preachers and other Christian workers, at Hattiesburg, January 22-26. Dr. J. T. Christian is dean and Rev. F. J. Moore, manager.

The church at Indianola has just installed a large pipe organ.

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REV. W. W. MUIRHEAD

Rev. W. W. Muirhead died at his home near Vaiden on November 5. He was a native of Holmes County. Was married to Miss Lucy Rowell. He was a fine Christian gentleman and faithful Baptist minister and served his Lord for many years.

His funeral was conducted by an old friend and co-worker, Rev. L. D. Sellers. He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Ed Armstrong, Vaiden, Mrs. J. W. Lee, Crystal Springs and Mrs. Vernon Monk, Baton Rouge; and two sons, Wallace, of Greenville, and George of Vaiden. He leaves also a sister, Mrs. Fannie Cotton, of Vicksburg, and four brothers, Henry, Lee, Tom and Charley.

—BR—

Does your ambition lead you to want your union to be a GOOD union? Then study the new standards carefully. Find them in the quarterlies for this quarter. Discuss the standard with your union. Adopt it and set a time limit on reaching it. Check the union every week to see how it stands in relation to the standard.

—BR—

A curious boy watching a car being loaded, at the station later inquired: "Why do they call it a ship-ment if it goes in a car and a cargo when it goes in a ship?"

**JONES COUNTY BROTHERHOOD
TO MEET**

The quarterly meeting of the Jones County Brotherhood Association will be held with the Laurel First Baptist Church on Friday night, January 16th. Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., will deliver the inspirational address. The attendance goal has been set at 300, and an effort is being made to reach all 36 churches in the Jones County Association. Men from churches in nearby counties are invited to attend this meeting. The program for the evening is as follows:

6:30-7:10, fellowship period, in charge of Laurel First Baptist Brotherhood, C. D. Boyd, president; W. M. Hunter, secretary; L. G. Gates, pastor. 7:10-7:45, business, reports and announcements. Officers of the Association are H. L. Strickland, president; Hubert Jordan, secretary, and Fred Scholfield, chorister. 7:45 p. m., special music; address, Dr. J. D. Grey, New Orleans, La.

We would like to have the members of the State Brotherhood Committee present at this meeting.—Harry Smallwood.

—BR—

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Courtesy Brotherhood Quarterly

SENATOR CONNALLY'S SUCCESS ATTRIBUTED TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT BAYLOR

By C. E. Bryant, Jr.

Texas' strong and influential Democratic Central Committee on November 17 spoke a very complimentary word for Christian education. The occasion was presentation to Baylor University of a bronze wall plaque of one of her most honored sons, United States Senator Tom Connally.

"When Tom Connally entered this great church school," State Democratic Chairman E. B. Germany said in a presentation address read by Vice Chairman Mrs. H. H. Weinert, "he was surrounded by an intangible something, born of the spirit of the frontier. The sweat of toil, sacrifice and blood of a noble, heroic people had builded into the very life of this institution certain fundamental principles.

"These principles," Germany continued, "were instilled into the very being of Tom Connally. His sense of loyalty, his kindly feeling toward the less fortunate, his insistence on a square deal for all, his courage, his genuine love for country and devotion to God have been the fundamental principles on which his great success has been built. These are the eternal values which no man can ignore and succeed—for whatever else may be lost among the years, God still abides."

President Pat M. Neff accepted the tablet for the University. He expressed hope that "as the thousands of students down through the generations through these halls, they will gather inspiration, courage and hope as this plaque reminds them of a Baylor boy who climbed so high in the world of politics and the world of service that when he spoke, his voice was heard around the earth."

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR GIVING

1. Thou shalt remember that churches cannot operate without money to meet expenses.
2. Thou shalt pledge thy share to meet regularly the financial needs of the church.
3. Thou shalt make contributions which match thine income and expenditures.
4. Thou shalt not permit secrecy of pledges to cloak inadequate gifts. God knows your ability.
5. Thou shalt not value the total gifts so much as the sacrifice involved.
6. Thou shalt not offer worn-out alibis for ungenerous or unpaid obligations.
7. Thou shalt not speak of church giving as charity, but as a great investment.
8. Thou shalt not put the things of Christ into the last place.
9. Thou shalt remember that all of us would be pagans but for Christ and the church.
10. Thou shalt remember that the church budget should be pre-pledged.

—Dr. A. F. McGarrah.

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THE SCRIPTURES TEACH

1. That the tithe of our income is "Holy unto the Lord" (Lev. 27:30).
2. That the tithe is the minimum we should give to the support of his Kingdom causes (Mal. 3:10, Matt. 23:23; 1 Cor. 9:13-14; Heb. 7:1-22).
3. That the tithe should be brought into the storehouse, the church (Mal. 3:10-12).
4. That it should be brought weekly (1 Cor. 16:2).

That God punishes failure to do this (Mal. 3:1-9; Joel 1:4).

6. That God has promised special blessings to those who faithfully observe it (Abraham, Genesis 14:20; Jacob, Genesis 28:20; Mal. 3:10-12; James 2:23).

7. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

—BR—

The pastor of a large church in Texas tries to discover the source of the tendency for young pastors by suggesting "our denominational emphasis, during the past two decades on pep, organization, and program, have contributed much to the demand for younger men ONLY."

An Alabama pastor has a thought which may have more influence in the calling of pastors than some of us realize. He says: "Almost any set of the dear deacons will give in when a few pretty girls of the church want them to call a young preacher."

The welfare of both pastors and churches depends on the continual use of older ministers. Pastors above forty must do their part to increase the demand for their age group in the work. This can be done by cultivating the enthusiasm and faith of youth and mingling this with the steadfastness and Christian love of age, seeking earnestly to follow the leadership of the spirit in faithful service.

No longer should the churches fear to call the older men, since by accepting the protection offered by the Relief and Annuity Board, churches are relieved of supporting pastors who become totally disabled or who reach sixty-five, the age of retirement. Each church should encourage and assist both young and old pastors to be prepared for disability and for infirmities of old age by joining the retirement plan of the Relief and Annuity Board.—Arkansas Baptist.

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ORDINATION

At the request of the Central Baptist Church of Holmes County, Mississippi, the First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Ga., ordained Pastor Donald B. Jones to the ministry on January 1, 1942.

The presbytery was composed of ten ministers from seven churches of the Atlanta and Chattahoochee Associations of Georgia. Dr. Russell Bradley Jones, father of the candidate, was moderator.

The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. R. B. Jones, First Baptist Church, Gainesville. The charge was delivered by Rev. Douglas White, Grandview Baptist Church, Atlanta. The ordination prayer was led by Rev. C. E. Vaughan, Chicopee Baptist Church, Chicopee, Ga.

The Bible was presented by Dr. W. Jeffrey Jones, Central Baptist Church, Gainesville, Ga.

"Be Ye Angry, And Sin Not"

Anger is a natural emotion, and but seldom it may be justified. The serious thing is that it so easily leads to violence. A good man once told us that he was capable of such anger that, if not checked, he believed it might kill him. But he became one of the gentlest of men. This from The Alliance Weekly forcibly brings home the cost of anger to society:

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., says "Allied Youth" in a study of 500 homicides among a group of its policy holders, learned that half of the homicides in the United States arise over some trifling incident. Half of the murderers killed because they "just got mad." That is, 250 killings resulted when the murderers became enraged in quarrels over trifling incidents, one thing leading to another. In 116 of the 250 "quarrel-case" homicides, either the slayer, the victim, or both had been drinking, and the slayer had no motive for his action; no particular enmity against his victim. Some effect of the alcohol he had been drinking brought on the desire to kill, and before he knew it the deed was done.

—BR—

IF WE UNDERSTOOD

If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the efforts all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment,
Understood the loss and gain—
Would the grim eternal roughness
Seem—I wonder—just the same?
Should we help where now we hinder?
Should we pity where we blame?

Ah! we judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source;
Seeing not amid the evil
All the golden grains of good;
And we'd love each other better
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives,
See the good and bad within,
Often we should love the sinner
All the while we loathe the sin.
Could we know the powers working
To overthrow integrity,
We should judge each other's errors
With more patient charity.

—Rudyard Kipling.

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A WORTHY MEMORIAL

Some of Southern Baptist relief funds have been used in the Herman Liu Memorial Home for Refugee Children, located in Szechwan Province. Mr. Jensen tells us that at first many of the children were faced with actual starvation but that stage has passed, even though there are still "short spells when food has to be rather severely rationed." He has also been able to supply foods that contained vitamins which were badly needed, since quite a number of the children were losing their eyesight because of lack of proper food.

Other funds have bought weaving machines and thread which have been used to make cloth for use in the home and also to sell. Also several children are being clothed and kept in school. In this way we of the Southland are helping Free China to save lives and to educate some of the future leaders of that country. What a worthy memorial to the great Herman C. Liu!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B.T.U. ATTENDANCE

	S.S.	B.T.U.
Jackson Calvary	859	263
Jackson Griffith	684	371
Meridian Highland	174	
Natchez West Side (Jan. 4)	73	
Springfield-Morton	58	
Ellisville	141	
Sunflower	64	
Crystal Springs	28	102
Pinola	36	
Eudora	35	45
Bethlehem-Jones	66	68
Bethlehem-Jones	67	43
Wallerville	64	52
Cross Roads-Webster	19	19
Louisville	274	
Ackerman	89	

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TWO GREAT OFFERINGS

The two largest offerings to relief during the year 1941 have come from the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, and the First Church, Miami, Oklahoma. Dr. George W. Truett's church has sent in \$2,748.02, and the First Church, Miami, \$2,100.00.

In April, following their annual Church School of Missions the offering of the First Church, Miami, was \$900.00. In a recent letter the pastor, Dr. T. W. Medearis says, "Last Sunday our people experienced the joy of seeing spontaneous and hilarious giving to relief. I had prayed and hoped for \$1,000.00, but we received \$1,100.00, and an additional \$100.00 for Russian Bibles. Miss Lucy Smith, secretary to Dr. Rankin made a powerful appeal in behalf of our work in devastated fields in China."

Recent events have added a word to our slogan, which now reads:

WANT, WAR, AND WINTER
WON'T WAIT.

—BR—

WHAT LIQUOR HAS DONE

Has drained more blood,
Hung more crepe,
Sold more homes,
Plunged more people into bankruptcy,
Armed more villains,
Slain more children,
Snapped more wedding rings,
Defiled more innocence,
Blinded more eyes,
Dethroned more reason,
Wrecked more manhood,
Dishonored more womanhood,
Broken more hearts,
Blasted more lives,
Driven more to suicide,
And dug more graves than any other
poisoned scourge that ever swept its
death-dealing waves across the
world.—Eva Booth, Commander of
Salvation Army in the United States.

YES; WE HAVE NO DUCKS



But this publication has space for pictures of activities, buildings, individuals and groups. From \$1.50 to \$3.50 will pay for the cut, owing to size. We recommend

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SUGGESTED STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS FOR OUR PROGRAM

The above title is what has been decided upon as a possible title for a renewed emphasis on Stewardship. The following suggestions are made for study and improvement.

What The Sunday School Board Is Doing To Promote Stewardship

1. General emphasis on stewardship is given in the Sunday school lesson treatments.
2. Specific interpretation and emphasis is given in the Training Union programs.
3. Articles and programs on stewardship are published in the promotional periodicals.
4. Special tracts are published and distributed freely.
5. Both the Sunday school and Training Union study courses have books on stewardship.
6. Special addresses on stewardship are often given by field workers of the Board.

Reasons For Renewed Emphasis On Stewardship

Even though the Sunday School Board is doing much to promote the spirit of stewardship among Southern Baptists, we have a feeling that there is now an urgent need for a new and special emphasis on the type of stewardship that will take hold of the heart, soul, mind, and strength of all the members of our churches. Some reasons for this are:

1. Because such a small percentage of the members of our churches now practice such stewardship.
2. Because of the urgent need of a more loyal and generous support of the entire program of Christ and his kingdom in our churches and denomination.
3. Because of the wide-spread inclination all about us at this time to waste substance and service.
4. Because of the necessity for fortifying our people with sufficient spiritual power to meet and withstand certain reverses when they come.
5. Because our denomination has declared its desire and purpose to get out of debt by 1945.
6. Because of the desire to lift our people to a higher level of Christian living, sacrificial giving, and heroic service.

The Purpose Of Renewed Emphasis On Stewardship

Some of the purposes of such renewed emphasis on stewardship would be to call all Southern Baptists to:

1. A deeper understanding of the meaning of Christian stewardship.
2. Supreme allegiance to Christ regardless of circumstance.
3. Complete loyalty to our churches and denomination.
4. The dedication of our lives to our country as Christian patriots for the preservation of our glorious democracy and its heritage of human freedom, not only for ourselves, but for the ultimate benefit of others.

The Working Force For Such Emphasis On Stewardship

1. Sunday School, Training Union, and Student forces of the Baptist Sunday School Board.
2. Sunday School and Training Union forces of the State Mission Boards.
3. Sunday School and Training Union Association officers.
4. Student forces of the State Mission Boards and other institutions.
5. Pastors, Sunday School officers and teachers, and Training Union officers of all the churches.

The Program Of Action In This Stewardship Movement

1. Concerted action in all the churches under the leadership of the pastors, to enlist all our people in regular attendance upon the preaching services and the mid-week prayer services of the churches.
2. Intensification of our effort, by all the means at our disposal, to enlist

all our people in Bible study through the Sunday school.

3. Intensification of our effort, by all the means at our disposal, to enlist all our people in all the churches in the Training Union.

4. Concerted action through all our churches to lead all our people to tithe, and to give of their means systematically to their churches for missions, benevolences, and local expenses.

5. Concerted action to lead every Baptist family to set up the family altar, and to enlist every person in individual daily Bible reading and daily prayer.

A Pledge For Stewardship

- | | Answer
Yes or
No | Check here
if already
enlisted |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Unless providentially hindered, I will attend regularly the morning and evening worship and preaching services of my church. | — | — |
| 2. Unless providentially hindered, I will attend regularly the mid-week prayer service of my church. | — | — |
| 3. Unless providentially hindered, I will attend regularly the Bible school of my church. | — | — |
| 4. Unless providentially hindered, I will attend regularly the training service of my church as conducted by the Training Union. | — | — |
| 5. I will use my influence in my home to establish daily family worship for the reading of the Bible and prayer. | — | — |
| 6. I will make it a habit of my life to observe a period of daily private devotion for individual Bible reading and prayer. | — | — |
| 7. It is my purpose henceforth to pray daily for lost people, and to witness to them concerning the living Christ. | — | — |
| 8. Recognizing that I am a steward of God and responsible to him as such, I agree, by God's grace, to live a life of faithful stewardship; and prompted by love and loyalty to the Master, I agree to devote at least one-tenth of my income to the spread of the missionary, educational and benevolent interests of the kingdom of Christ both at home and abroad. | — | — |

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CHARITY HOSPITAL IS THANKFUL

The Mississippi State Charity Hospital is thankful to all churches, organizations, clubs, families and individuals that have been so kind and thoughtful as to send bed linens and fruit juices all through the year and for the nice Thanksgiving and Christmas given us. The nice turkeys were delicious, and the fruit was enjoyed by all.

The children were made happy with the nice toys, Christmas trees, and all other things that were done to make children happy at Christmas.

Tessie Lee Chandler, R. N.,
Superintendent of Nurses,
Charity Hospital, Jackson, Miss.

A LETTER FROM A CHAPLAIN IN ICELAND By CHAPLAIN P. E. COLLOM

The People

To me the people are the best asset in Iceland. They are very much like Americans in many ways. Their clothes, except for the older ladies, are like ours. They all take pride in their personal appearance and the men stay so well groomed one wonders if they do not visit the beauty parlors along with the women. The women have a natural beauty that gives them a good start. Practically all are blondes, all are slender, and carry themselves well. The rosy cheeks are characteristic of Icelanders. Their looks are a good index to the character of the people. Of course no one nation has a monopoly on all the good or all the bad people. But after a few months of dealing with them and close observation, this chaplain is firmly convinced that they live a practical religious life that is above that of the average American. Their crime record is almost nil and you see very few drunks and very little drinking. They have had prohibition since troops have been here and they seem to be willing to obey their laws better than Americans. They claim there were no murders on the island for a thousand years until troops from England and America came. (Maybe they should send missionaries to us.—Editor.)

You will be interested in my visit into one of the homes. The owner of the second largest bakery invited me to his home for dinner. I told him jokingly that I would come if he would let me hug his five-year-old daughter just one time. I found the little cotton-top (they all are) just as cute as she could be. She brought her doll and sat on my lap and did not get angry because I could not understand one word of her jabbering. I said they were like Americans. This young lady seemed to relish the fact that I could not interrupt her talk or talk back to her. How I enjoyed feeling her little arms around my neck after being away from children so long.

—BR—

LEST WE FORGET

By Alfred Carpenter,
Superintendent, Camp Work, Baptist
Home Mission Board

If Southern Baptists expect and urge our pastors to enter the reserve chaplaincy in order to meet an emergency, then is it not our responsibility to come to their rescue should an emergency exist as they seek later to return to the pastorate?

Lest We Forget

Continually some of our approximately — reserve chaplains are completing their tour of duty and returning to civilian life and to the pastorate. Because of their increased preaching experience and intensive activity in detail administration in the military, these men are consequently better prepared for the pastorate. Churches, pulpit committees and pastors should not forget these preachers as they return to civilian life.

Lest We Forget

"When I returned from the military service and sought to re-enter the pastorate, I realized for the first time that the churches had somewhat for-

EXTENSION DEPARTMENT BRINGS GROWTH Jeannette G. Perkins First Baptist Church, Greenville, Mississippi

In each community there are many people who should be interested in some Sunday school department, but are not. It is to and for that class that an Extension Department ministers.

When we organized our department, we had a superintendent and eight visitors, one acting as secretary. These visitors were selected from different classes, which were, naturally, the fields for Extension Department prospects.

At our first meeting, visitors brought inactive lists of their respective classes. These names were our first prospects, each visitor having about twelve persons upon whom to call. Following our first visitation day, forty-seven names were added to our department roll.

Most people are happy to be enrolled as Extension Department members, when they understand they are not "laid upon the shelf"—only placed in this department because of their inability to attend at Sunday school times.

One railroad man, whose working hours had been changed said: "Fine! And I'll still be one of the bunch, and can come back in my department if my hours are changed again!"

Instead of losing that member we are keeping his interest. He is still a part of his same Sunday school.

Each visitor calls on those who are ill oftener than the regular monthly call. One visitor sends birthday cards to her members. Often a call causes an inactive member to become active in his own department again.

We have used the periodicals with great success. A business man likes "On the Wing with the Word" because it fits his vest-pocket. The devotional nature of "Open Windows" is thoroughly enjoyed, especially by older people. "The Better Home" appeals to all with its efficiently written Sunday school lessons, its practical articles, refreshing stories for all ages, and its uplifting poems.

Grow in numbers, activity and Christianity with an Extension Department.

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Would Surprise Everyone

"Your methods of cultivation are hopelessly out of date," said the AAA crop adviser to the old farmer. "Why I'd be astonished if you got even 10-pounds of apples from that tree."

"So would I," replied the farmer, "it's a peach tree."

gotten me as a preacher and especially as a pastor."

"I have now returned to civilian life and hope some church will soon call me."

"Experience in the military has richly blessed my life and I am better equipped for the pastorate."

"Being busy as a chaplain for more than a year I am out of touch with the churches. There is a fear in my heart that they will forget me as a pastor, should I remain for a year's extended duty."

These and many other expressions together with recent experiences bring forth the reminder, "LEST WE FORGET."

TEAM MEMBERS FOR STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

See Story on Page Nine



MARK ROBERTS
Shreveport, La.



FRED B. BOOKER
McComb, Miss.



EMMETT WILLIAMS



J. N. BARNETTE
Nashville, Tenn.



MARY BETH LASSITER
Nashville, Tenn.
(Miss Lassiter is a Clinton, Miss., girl)

WE FACE A FATEFUL YEAR

J. E. Dillard

Our nation wages a grim war against desperate forces determined to enslave the world. Our government expects every man to do his duty. No man has a right to liberty unless he is willing to sacrifice and suffer to preserve it.

Our Christianity is being tested as never since the days of the Roman Caesars when Christians were forced to forsake their Lord or else face the lions. Are we worthy to bear the name? Can we follow in their train?

Our denomination constitutes an army for the Lord. We must re-think our strategy, re-vamp our plans, re-distribute and strengthen our forces to hold our own and go forward for Christ in a burdened, broken and bewildered world. Are we able? Are we willing?

Our churches must awaken to their responsibilities. They must become forces rather than fields. They must inform, inspire, encourage, enlist, and train their forces for conquest. Christ is the only hope; His way is the only way.

Our people, all our people, should take their task seriously and contribute each according to his ability. This is no time for little faith, little service, or little sacrifice. Those who have the Gospel must pass it on.

All our people, agencies, organizations and resources should be mobilized immediately for an all-out effort for Christ and a new world.

Our first united, determined, sacrificial effort in 1942 should be to pay the balance of the old \$6,000,000 debt upon our Southwide agencies. It is only \$2,100,000 now. Let's pay it at the earliest day possible. Action, action, action now!

FEBRUARY 15 is HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB DAY for a DEBT-LESS DENOMINATION.

PHILADELPHIA PASTORS' CONFERENCE

The Philadelphia Pastors' Conference elected new officers at the December meeting. Those elected were R. K. Corder, Philadelphia, president; J. L. Ward, Louisville, vice-president; F. G. Wilborn, Spring Creek, secretary. A. A. Ward, Lena; S. E. McAdory, Union, and R. A. Collier, Louisville, are the program committee. C. B. Hamlett III and W. L. Day are leaders in the homiletic period, each for a term of three months. R. A. Morris and L. B. Cobb will lead the Bible study for three months each.

The conference is composed of pastors in Leake, Choctaw, Neshoba, Winston and Newton counties.

The next session will be held Jan. 12 and the following program has been arranged:

- 10 a. m. Devotional—J. L. Moore.
- 10:15 Reports.
- 10:45 Sermon Outlines—C. B. Hamlett III.
- 11:15 Sermon—R. A. Collier.
- 1:15 p. m. Devotional—T. J. Harper.
- 12:00 Lunch.
- 1:30 Bible Study—R. A. Morris.

PINOLA

The following officers were elected at the Pinola Baptist Church for the associational year:

Miss Margaret Newsom, pianist; Miss Kathleen Bush, assistant pianist; Rev. Guy A. Little, pastor; J. W. Bush, Sr., treasurer; C. G. Bush, chorister; J. W. Bush, Jr., clerk.

Sunday school officers—J. W. Bush, Sr., superintendent; J. W. Bush, Jr., secretary; J. A. White, assistant secretary.

Teachers—I. N. Farmer, men's class; Mrs. J. W. Bush, Jr., ladies' class; P. O. Nelson, young men; J. L. Watts, young ladies; Guy Hathorn, Intermediates; Miss Mary Grace Phillips, Intermediates; Mrs. C. H. Allen, Juniors, 11-12; Mrs. Mattie Williams, Juniors, 9-10; Mrs. Maud Chappel, Primary 7-8; Mrs. James Giles, Primary 6; Mrs. P. O. Nelson, Beginners.

W. M. U. officers—Mrs. I. N. Farmer, president; Mrs. Tina Williams, assistant; Mrs. C. H. Allen, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Guy A. Little, Sunbeam leader; Mrs. Pauline White, G. A. leader; Prof. Guy Hathorn, R. A. leader; Miss Mary Grace Phillips, B. T. U. leader; Juanita Bush, church reporter.

MR. THOMAS ALLEN BROCK

Funeral services were held in the Baptist Church of Vaiden on Friday, Nov. 21, for Mr. Thomas Allen Brock. Mr. Brock was a member of the Baptist church since early boyhood. He was a native of Holmes County. He was married to Miss Emma Ellis who passed away in 1928. He leaves three daughters and three sons; also a sister. The daughters are Mrs. L. H. Johnson, Vaiden, Mrs. Harry Fisher, Grenada, Mrs. I. D. Holmes, Dyersburg, Tennessee. The sons are Victor Brock, Stoneville, Shap Brock, Hollandale and Richmond Brock, Kosciusko. The sister is Mrs. J. A. Dicken of Durant.

The funeral was in charge of Rev. Madison Flowers, Rev. I. F. Metts and the Presbyterian minister, Rev. Jas. W. McNutt.

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NEWS AND TRUTHS ABOUT OUR HOME MISSION WORK

J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Joe W. Burton, Publicity Secretary
Home Board Offerings For Year Show 18% Increase

Total receipts of the Home Mission Board in 1941 were up 18% compared with the previous year, according to the treasurer's report announced by Dr. J. B. Lawrence, the Board's executive secretary-treasurer.

From all sources not including the emergency offering for camp work, the Board received \$659,288.61 as compared with \$560,168.09 in 1940, an increase of \$99,120.52. The itemized receipts shown in the treasurer's report follows:

Cooperative Program	\$291,277.10
Hundred Thousand Club	79,677.93
Annie Armstrong Offering	193,298.35
Special Designations	48,561.72
Bottoms Trust Fund	46,473.51

The emergency offering for camp work brought in a total of slightly over \$100,000, not including the above figures.

During the year, Dr. Lawrence stated, the Board applied \$318,000 on its debts, thus reducing the total obligations of the agency to \$550,000, which amount the Board is now refinancing on a plain bank note at 2½% interest. When the Board consummated its former refinancing last February 1, the debt stood at \$850,000, and on the bond indenture floated at that time, the interest rate was 3¼% and 3½%.

At the meeting of the Board's executive committee on January 8, the two missionaries were appointed, both on the Mexican field in Texas, Rev. Carlos Paredes for work at Belton and Rev. G. C. Valadez for work at Cameron.

New Natural-Color Home Mission Pictures Available

A new illustrated lecture on Home Missions entitled, "Across the Home Mission Map," has been added to the catalogue of natural-color lectures, it has been announced by the Board's publicity department.

The new lecture makes a total of thirteen in the Board's collection of pictures for projection mounted on a small 2x2-inch size slides.

"Across the Home Mission Map" is a summary study of the Board's work in pictures introduced by the beautiful illustrated map of home missions drawn by Winona Childers, talented artist of Kansas City, under the direction of Una Roberts Lawrence, mission study editor.

This new group of pictures, each of which is described in detail by the accompanying manuscript always sent with the collection, portrays the Board's general work in its new departments of camp activities and city missions, in the fields of evangelism and Jewish work. Also included are a number of beautiful pictures from Cuba and from the Mexican work in Texas.

The complete catalogue of natural color pictures made up into lectures includes another summary group entitled "Home Missions in Pictures." There is also a collection on foreign mission work in the South, which is a splendid aid for teaching the book, *The Stranger Within Our Gates*, by J. F. Plainfield.

Two lectures on Cuba will be very helpful in the study of the Board's new graded series of mission study books on Cuba. Other lectures include two on the Mexican work, one on the French field, another on the mountains, one on work with the Spanish-speaking people of New Mexico and three dealing with Indian missions.

These pictures can be shown on any projector which handles the 2x2-inch slides. They can also be shown on standard size projectors by use of a mask which can be made from corrugated board or can be purchased from a visual education supply house.

The Board also has a number of additional lectures on standard size slides.

These pictures are all available free to churches, the only obligation being to pay transportation charges both ways. Reservations should be made in advance for the exact lecture desired and date on which they are to be used.

New Year Begun In Freshly Painted Building

The New Year was begun in a beautiful newly-



Dr. Antonio Martinez, physician-missionary of the Home Mission Board at Cardenas, Cuba, examining a patient. All of Latin-America is receiving new attention by students of missions this year, especially through the study of the new Cuban series just published by the Home Mission Board.

Painted white mission building by Miss Gladys Keith and Mrs. Leona Wollforth of the Home Mission Board's Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans.

The work of painting and renovating the mission building was completed a few days before the end of the year.

Miss Keith is especially happy over a workroom completely furnished with tools, which will be opened to boys of the community for directed handwork.

"101 Expository Sermon Outlines," by Dr. E. P. Alldridge, is a refreshing volume by a man who knows the problems of the pastors. The sermons are centered around Christ. The publisher is Baird-Ward Press, Nashville, Tennessee, and it is cheap at fifty cents. Order from Baptist Book Store.

Mississippians will be interested to learn that Dr. Kyle M. Yates, professor of Old Testament Interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, has accepted the pastorate of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville. This is one of the leading churches in the South and a great church and a great preacher with a great shepherd heart should make a happy union. Many Mississippians feel closer to Dr. Yates because he exercised exceeding good judgment in marrying Miss Margaret Sharpe. Mrs. Yates is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Sharpe, formerly of Clinton, and now residents of Jackson. For many years Dr. Sharpe was an honored member of the Mississippi College faculty.

The war department is responsible for the sale of beer in army camps, according to Mr. Ernest H. Cherrington, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, as recently quoted in the Christian Advocate: "Contrary to the belief of many people, both in and out of the government, the old 3.2 beer act of 1933 was definitely repealed by the liquor law repeal and enforcement act of 1935. As a result, there is no federal statute today which gives congressional sanction to 3.2 beer. This is significant because it leaves the entire situation with all army camps in the hands of the war department, which department can abolish the sale of beer, as well as all other types of intoxicating liquor, by a single order of the head of the department. . . . No legislation whatever is necessary either to permit or to prohibit any intoxicating liquors within the camp. A simple order from the commander-in-chief is all that is necessary. . . ."

Blue Mountain, Miss.: The Rev. Milton Bryant of Blue Mountain, who was licensed by Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church as a Baptist minister, Sunday morning was ordained to the full privileges and responsibilities of the ministry by a presbytery of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, made up of Dr. J. S. Riser, Jr., pastor, and the Rev. C. S. Wales.

Two men from Mississippi will be graduated from the Southern Baptist Seminary this coming May. They are Wilson Hogan, Hattiesburg, and William N. Gardner, Macon. Both of these men are looking forward to returning to their native state and are available for such work as may open to them.

CLINTON HAS CONTINUOUS PRAYER FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

Beginning just before midnight the 31st of December, 1941, and running continuously past midnight January 1, 1942, the Clinton Baptist Church kept a chain of prayer in keeping with the nationwide day of prayer called by President Roosevelt. At the regular prayer hour, Pastor James Sullivan had chosen as the background of the 24 hours the meditation in 2nd Chronicles regarding the promise of God to bless His people when they meet the conditions laid down.

Then followed an hourly schedule of prayers with a leader for each, listed on a bulletin, on which various people indicated by signing their names, when they intended to join in at least one definite hour of prayer. As each hour ended, the ones present would file out and the new group would take their places, and earnestly and seriously these groups carried on without a single interruption for 24 hours.

Not a single member of the Clinton church, but as a true, loyal Christian citizen, desiring to pray with other Christians as requested by our President, the writer met with three different groups for an hour of prayer. Several things were impressive. First, the fact that so many people were interested in a prayer meeting that they would get out of warm beds and go even during the cold early hours of dawn was encouraging. Second, the prayers themselves, the promises of God, the Word of God, such as, "Lord, teach us to pray!" "Thy will be done," and especially, prayers for "Those who despitefully use us," and many similar, magnified the Scriptures. Last, I will mention the fact that many people were not content to stand and pray, but went down on their knees to pray. Practically every one mentioned the boys in service.

We have faith in God and believe as a result of this day of prayer in America that our spiritual armor as a nation will be greatly strengthened. Although the students from the colleges were gone for the holidays, over 300 attended during the time.

FRED R. LANGLEY.

MISS TILGHMAN CONDUCTS B. S. U. SEMINAR

In order that Baptist students on the campus of Mississippi State College for Women could learn more about the Baptist Student Union, Miss Wilda Tilghman, Baptist Student Secretary conducted a seminar on B. S. U. Methods. This seminar was held at the Baptist Workshop on January 10 and 11. A course of B. S. U. Methods gave each girl a chance to understand better the organization, purpose, and works of the B. S. U. It also showed to each one her responsibility as a member or officer of a Baptist Student Union. Besides the general knowledge of the B. S. U. there was a discussion of problems of the B. S. U. at M. S. C. W.

Dr. T. D. Brown of Highland Church, Louisville, Ky., has been called as pastor of the First Church, Hattiesburg. He has accepted and will be on the field in a few days.